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THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

## Railroad Men Demand a Billion Dollars Wage Increase Which, if Granted, Will Add that Much to the Cost of Living

EVERY man, woman and child in the United States has a personal interest in the pending demand of the railroad men for an increase of wages because, if allowed, it will amount practically to a national tax, that no one can escape, averaging ten dollars a head per year, fifty dollars on a family of five. On March 22 the trainmen and other workers in the employ of all the railroads in the country, numbering one million eight hundred and fifty thousand men, demanded additional wage increases averaging five hundred and ninety dollars more pay per man and totaling one billion one hundred million dollars yearly wage increase. Such an enormous sum is almost beyond human comprehension and only by comparison can its significance be grasped. It is as much as the entire national debt was at the time we entered the World War. It is a big billion dollars and a hundred millions more; and bear in mind that a billion is a thousand millions.

The railroad men are entitled to and should, of course, be paid a fair wage but no more, because any excess above just compensation would impose a gross injustice on the entire population which has to pay it. Understand that the large increase now demanded is additional to the various wage increases given the railroad men during and since the war and in recent years previous thereto. Whether the railroad employees are justly entitled to the increase they demand or to any wage increase at this time are questions that concern the public interests far more than they do the owners of the railroads, and therefore the representatives of the people should have an authoritative voice in the decision, and the pressure of public opinion should be exerted in favor of this course. Let us examine some of the important facts bearing on this proposition.

During the war the Government took over the railroads, cut down the service and burdened the country with much higher passenger and freight rates. Nevertheless in the little more than two years of Government management it operated the railroads and express at a loss of nine hundred million dollars which had to be made good out of the United States treasury, or in other words out of the pockets of the people who in the end have to pay this loss as well as the higher passenger and freight rates. As it happens this operating loss approximates the wage increases given the railroad employees under Government management. Besides this operating loss the Government has been obliged to assist the railroads in the way of loans for equipment and advances for other necessary purposes to a still larger amount, so that, as appears by the report made to Congress April 5, 1920, by Walker D. Hines, U. S. Director General of Railroads, the Government has already appropriated out of the national treasury the sum of one billion four hundred and fifty millions for the support and expenditures of the Railroad Administration, and Mr. Hines now asks for a further appropriation of four hundred and twenty millions which he estimates to be "required to enable the Railroad Administration to fund certain indebtedness in accordance with the Transportation Act and to defray cost of Federal control," making a grand total of one billion eight hundred and seventy million dollars that the Government has been called upon to provide for the purpose of meeting the expenses and obligations incurred by its Railroad Administration.

The railroads as a whole were in sorry plight when, on the first day of last March, the Government returned them to the corporations that owned them. Many of them lacked adequate equipment, and notwithstanding the largely increased passenger and freight rates very few were earning enough to pay their fixed charges and running expenses, the latter having grown enormously under Government management. It was conceded at that time that when Government aid ends, as it will on the last day of August, a further increase of transportation rates will be necessary to save the majority of the roads from

bankruptcy. It is evident from this state of affairs that any wage increase allowed the railroad men will have to be passed on to the public in the form of a corresponding increase of freight rates. And it was for this reason that the railroad managers on conferring with the representatives of the railroad employees refused to grant the large wage increase recently demanded or any considerable increase except with the approval of arbitrators to be appointed by the President to represent and safeguard the rights and interests of the public as authorized by the Act of Congress which provided for the return of the railroads to their owners. Thus the matter has been passed up to President Wilson who, at the present writing, has not acted on the request to appoint the arbitrators to serve in behalf of the public.

High freight rates are an important factor in raising the cost of living. High freight rates, like middlemen's profits, raise the price the consumer has to pay and in many cases lower the price the producer receives. Don't think that freight rates do not concern you merely because you have no direct dealings with the railroad. You pay freight every time you buy anything at the store, because the price of every article of commerce includes at least one, and more often than otherwise two, three or more freights depending on the journeys the raw material had made to the factory and the finished product had made from factory to wholesaler and thence to the retailer. Freight may even double the price of an article. The writer saw a railroad freight bill in which the charge for transportation of a carload of watermelons exceeded the sum received by the producer of the fruit. As a rule the consumer pays the freight; but when the freight raises the price to a prohibitive figure the producer has to pay the freight, or the expense may be divided between producer and consumer depending on competitive market conditions. Farmers know full well that the prices they receive for produce they ship to distant markets in competition with nearby producers is reduced by the amount of the freight charge. The freight charge is a tax that can't be dodged and everybody has to pay. Freight rates so largely affect the prosperity of the entire country and so intimately concern every person that any proposition that involves a great increase in the cost of transportation should receive the most careful consideration by those in authority.

### Senate Finally Rejects the League of Nations Proposition

ON March 19 the question of the acceptance of the proposed peace treaty again came to a vote in the U. S. Senate and again met the same fate as when voted on and defeated last November. Both times the stumbling block was the League of Nations part of the treaty, and both times its defeat was due to the determined opposition of a stubborn minority. The action on the latter occasion amounts to a final rejection of the League of Nations proposition, as the Senate then voted to return the treaty to the President with a notification that it had "refused to advise and consent to its ratification."

The people should feel a deep sense of relief in the assurance that our country has thus escaped the manifest dangers to our national independence, peace and welfare that lurked in the League of Nations program as written in the peace treaty. Our February editorial described a few of the worst of these dangers and explained how the majority of the senators proposed to make the acceptance of the treaty subject to and conditioned on certain reservations designed to safeguard the rights and interests of the United States, and to prevent the League of Nations from being used as a means of foreign interference in our domestic affairs or of drawing us into European wars, or as a pretext for Europe to meddle with any American nation in violation of our time-honored Monroe Doctrine. This was the compromising attitude of the 49 senators who, though

many of them had little faith in the League of Nations, were willing to accept it with these safeguards rather than sacrifice the entire peace treaty in order to get rid of the League. They constituted a majority of the Senate but were short, by a few votes, of the two-thirds majority necessary to ratify the treaty.

And so the entire peace treaty was eventually rejected through the opposition of a minority of 35, consisting of a strange combination of 20 senators of un-American ideals, who voted against it because they wanted the European-made League of Nations without any Americanizing reservations, and 15 senators so intensely American that they would not stand for tying the United States up in a foreign league under any conditions. The action of these two discordant elements, though actuated by directly opposite motives, chanced to run in the same direction and proved effective in accomplishing the purpose of the 15 "Irreconcilables," as they were called.

The League of Nations scheme should not have been inserted in the peace treaty, but ought to have been submitted as a separate and distinct proposition to be considered and determined after the peace treaty and on its own merits, as the result has shown. Had they been separated the peace treaty could have been presented much earlier and would have been accepted promptly and gotten out of the way a year ago. But there is reason to suspect that the promoters of the League project purposely linked it up with the peace treaty in the hope that the embarrassment that the Senate would meet in not being able to refuse the one without rejecting the other would prove effective in overcoming the opposition to the League. The result is different from what was probably anticipated, but we are subjected to embarrassment in having had to reject the peace treaty to keep out of the League. However, this difficulty will soon be remedied, though in a somewhat awkward and unusual manner, by the adoption by Congress of a joint resolution declaring the war ended provided Germany accepts our offer of peace on the terms specified in the rejected peace treaty.

### Allies Disagree—Europe a Seething Cauldron of Enmity and Strife

THE World War seems to have settled nothing. In spite of the peace treaty, signed months ago by all the belligerents except the United States, Europe remains an armed camp; armed conflicts are in progress in spots; civil war is rampant or imminent throughout that continent and in Asia; Turkey, in defiance of the Great Powers, persists in carrying out its barbarous policy of exterminating its Christian inhabitants; Germany has recently broken the peace treaty by sending an army into the neutral zone to suppress a Bolshevik insurrection and France has retaliated by military occupation of the German city of Frankfurt in the neutral zone at the risk of precipitating a renewal of the World War; discord has arisen between Great Britain, France and Italy, and a general feeling of insecurity, jealousy and mutual distrust pervades the governments and peoples of the old world.

The League of Nations, which we were urged to join as a sure means of keeping peace throughout the world, was organized over there some months ago. But what does it amount to when the principal members of the League disagree? When put to the test of a serious strain the League covenant amounts to a "mere scrap of paper." Fortunately for us, by not joining the League we are under no obligations to mix in this or any future European imbroglio. They want to draw us into their mess, but we shall do well to keep out and let Europe stew in her own juice until she has had enough of bickering and fighting and comes to her senses.

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# HOME PRESERVING OF FISH



FISH CAKES WITH PARSNIP BALLS.

## WELCOME SPRING TONICS DANDELION, RHUBARB, ASPARAGUS

By Violet Marsh

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**F**ISH is invaluable as an article of food because of its comparative cheapness, its abundance and its wholesomeness. Americans are notoriously deficient as fish eaters and we would do well to follow the example of our foreign-born neighbors who are expert in fish cookery. One reason why fish is not so popular here as abroad is that we do not properly season and cook it. Rolled, and fried until all the juices are dried out, is far too common a method of cooking fish.

Generally speaking, fish is better when plainly cooked, and this includes baking, steaming, boiling and broiling. Chowders and soups made from fish combined with other materials make excellent one-dish meals. Plenty of seasoning in the form of sauces, stuffing, or seasoning the water in which the fish is boiled, will create a new interest in fish eating.

The canning of fish has been more extensively entered into the past year than ever before, and now that the lakes and streams are open, a new source of food is given us which, in the season of plenty, should be preserved for future use just as we do our meat and vegetables. Canning and salting are two easy methods available to housewives.

In using commercially canned fish, it will be found that the bones are dissolved, leaving only a soft mineral that can be eaten. With the small bones thus softened, the fish is much more acceptable as food. The large bones and vertebrae are easily removed, and if this is not done it is not necessary to continue "processing" until they are "soft." The steam pressure cooker process for canning fish is to be recommended as it makes rapid handling to prevent spoilage possible. A community outfit for canning will reduce the cost and labor on the principle that "many hands make the work easy."

### Canning Fish

When using coarse-scaled, thick-skinned fishes, cut off the fins or make an incision on each side of the fin and pull it out. Make an incision through the skin along the back, another along the belly, and connect these two by a third encircling the body just behind the head, press the head onto a sharpened nail driven through a plank so that it may be firmly held, and take hold of the skin at the angle of the two incisions at the back of the head and remove it by pulling toward the tail. Thin-skinned fishes should be scaled, not skinned. Cut off the head, remove the intestines and other organs, and take out the backbone by making a cut with a sharp knife on each side, inside the body cavity. Wash thoroughly, taking particular care to remove the blood along the back.

Cut the fish into strips to fit the length of the jars to be used and rub with dry salt, using a level tablespoon to each pint jar of fish. Fill the jars with the pieces packed as tightly as possible, put on the rubber rings, and place the caps on the jars loosely, so that the steam can escape; that is, a screw-top jar should not be tightly turned down, nor the second wire of the wire-topped type snapped into place. Put no water in the jars. Cook in a pressure cooker for one and one half hours after steam pressure registers 15 pounds or the temperature 250 degrees. Tighten the tops and cool.

### Salting Fish

Large fish having soft fins, small scales, and thin skin, should be scaled but not skinned. Remove the head, split down the belly to the vent, and clean. Make a cut on each side of the backbone inside of the body cavity, cut the bone in two as far back as it can be reached and remove the cut-off portion, then with the knife follow along the backbone to one side and remove it with the tail. Cut the fish to fit container so that the pieces will lie flat. It is not necessary to remove the backbone of small fish. They are split the entire length, and the bellies washed clean. After the fish are cleaned, wash in salted water and be sure that all particles of blood are removed.

To salt, place a layer of coarse salt on the bottom of the container; a tight barrel, keg or earthen crock. On the salt put a layer of fish, one deep, and sprinkle with salt. Continue the order of salt and fish until container is filled. In about eight or nine days the salt will have sufficiently dissolved to make a strong brine and the fish should be taken out, washed and repacked in the container and covered with a freshly-made brine, strong enough to float an egg. In seven days drain off this brine and cover with a fresh one made with a little more salt than the water will take up. Cover the fish tightly. A good plan is to have a wooden cover that fits tightly into the container and is weighted with a heavy stone. Use only fresh fish. Do not use any old brine as it will spoil the fish.

The salted cheeks and tongues of large fish make an excellent dish by themselves when soaked over night and boiled a few minutes.

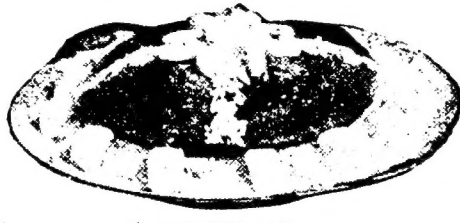
### Ways of Cooking Fish

**CAPE COD SALT FISH DINNER.**—Soak salt fish over night in cold water. If the fish are small,

they should be boiled until tender, but salt codfish should be kept hot until tender, not boiled. Boil potatoes in salted water, drain and dry out in the oven. At the same time have cubes of salt pork slowly frying until crisp. Arrange the potatoes in the center of a platter. Cover with the fish cut into medium-sized pieces, and over all pour the pork fat and scraps. Surround with boiled beets, carrots and onions.

**BAKED FISH LOAF.**—Flake two cups of salt fish that has been soaked over night. Add one and one half cup of boiled rice, three mashed potatoes, six tablespoons of milk, one half teaspoon of salt, pepper, and two well-beaten eggs. When thoroughly mixed together, put into a square bread tin or other deep baking dish, lay over the top very thin bits of salt pork, sprinkle lightly with fine cracker-crumbs, and bake in a fairly hot oven until the pork is done and the loaf browned. Serve with a cream sauce.

**CODFISH CREAMED WITH EGG.**—Pull apart and cut in not too small pieces one cup of boneless codfish. Cover with cold water, soak about half an hour and drain. Put fish in frying pan, cover with cold water and very slowly bring to scalding point and drain again. In same frying



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pan put one cup of rich milk, and when at the simmering point add three tablespoons of butter creamed with one rounding teaspoon of dry flour and continually stir until it is blended and bubbles all over. Season with salt and pepper. Now add two cups of sliced boiled potato and when thoroughly hot spread the drained fish over the top and when heated through (without stirring) fold in one egg that has been lightly beaten with a fork and serve at once. The heat of the mixture will sufficiently cook the egg.

**FISH SALAD WITH TOMATO OR PEPPERS.**—Use fresh or canned whole tomato or green peppers. One small can of salmon flaked with a fork into small pieces, two cups of freshly boiled potato cut into small cubes, half a cup of celery cut fine, and one teaspoon of scraped onion. Mix together and stir in about one cup of boiled dressing. Take centers from tomatoes or peppers, and fill and surround with salad.

**BOILED DRESSING.**—Beat until light and creamy the yolk of one egg, add one quarter of a teaspoon of mustard, one half teaspoon of salt, a dash of cayenne pepper, three teaspoons of sugar, and one-third cup of thin cream. Beat well with the egg beater and then beat in the stiffly-beaten white of one egg and two tablespoons of good hot vinegar. Put in a double boiler and cook until it thickens like custard. Add it cold to salad. This dressing will keep in a preserving jar for two weeks.

**FISH CAKES WITH PARSNIP BALLS.**—Flake one cup of cold cooked fish and mix with it two cups of hot mashed potato, a grating of onion, two tablespoons of butter, two tablespoons of cream, the beaten yolk of one egg, and salt and pepper to taste. When cool, shape into cakes, roll in a little unbeaten white of egg and brown in hot fat.

**PARSNIP BALLS.**—Boil and mash parsnips. To one pint add pepper and salt to taste, two tablespoons of butter, and the beaten yolk of one egg. When cool, shape in balls, brush with unbeaten white of egg and roll in fine corn meal. Brown in a hot oven.

**FISH AND BACON.**—Bone-smelts or other small pan fish, or use any larger fish cut into strips. Lay strips of bacon on a bake tin, and on each place a strip of fish. Sprinkle with a little flour, pepper and salt and bake in a hot oven. Freshly boiled and peeled potatoes may be placed in the pan to brown while the fish and bacon cook.

### Spring Tonic Foods

Just at a time when our systems are a little below par, and require foods that contain tonic and blood-purifying elements, nature provides us with three of her best: dandelion, rhubarb and asparagus.

Dandelion, as long as we can remember, has been classed as a "cleansing" medicine. As a food, who does not look forward to the bright, appetizing bitter of dandelion greens, or eating raw the young tender plants as a salad?

Most welcome is the refreshing flavor of rhubarb, and the delicious sauces and desserts made from it after the long use of stored fruits. For those who do not care for or require the full amount of acid contained in rhubarb, ways of reducing it will be given below.

Asparagus is one of our most valuable vegetables and can be eaten by those having weak digestions. Over cooking destroys its fine flavor, and salt should not be added to the water until just before it is done.

Twenty minutes' boiling in just enough water to cover is sufficient time unless the asparagus is old, in which case it is a still better plan to break off the tender ends and not put them in to the water until the harder pieces are partly cooked. The water in which asparagus is cooked is a delicious addition to soups.

Another way to cook asparagus, and perhaps the best, is to tie it in even bunches and stand it on end in a deep kettle, adding boiling water to come half-way up the stalks. In this way the upper and lower parts will steam cook. This method requires a little longer cooking. The kettle should be tightly covered.

**ASPARAGUS ON TOAST.**—Have ready a hot platter and some softened butter. If the oven is



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hot, make oven toast as it is better. Dip the toast very quickly in the water the asparagus is cooked in, and spread with the softened butter. Lay toast on hot platter, carefully lay the bunch of asparagus across it and cut the string, letting it fall apart. Pour over the warm butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper and serve at once.

**ASPARAGUS SALAD.**—Cook, drain and cool. Lay on lettuce leaves, grate over it a little hard-boiled egg and add boiled dressing.

**STEAMED RHUBARB.**—If the rhubarb is very young, wash and cut it in inch pieces without peeling. If old, it should be peeled. Put into a granite or agate-lined double boiler and add half as much sugar as there is rhubarb. Cook without stirring until very soft. When the rhubarb is very sour, add a few spoonfuls of water, steam a short time without sugar and drain. Add sugar and proceed as above. Steam baked in a tightly-covered earthen dish with the addition of grated orange rind, makes a delicious variation.

**RHUBARB PUDDING.**—If the rhubarb is too acid, after it is cut into pieces cover with boiling water, let stand five minutes and drain. Make into a rich sauce, using two cups of rhubarb, one half cup of raisins, the rind of half an orange and one cup of sugar. Beat the yolks of two eggs until light yellow, add one tablespoon of cold water and then stir into the rhubarb mixture. Spread one cup of boiled rice over the bottom of a pudding dish, and then add the rhubarb. Bake in a moderate oven until the egg is cooked. Cool and spread with a meringue made from two stiffly-beaten egg whites and two even tablespoons of sugar. Return to oven and lightly brown.

**DANDELION DINNER.**—Prepare dandelions by picking over and cutting off the roots close to top. Wash through several waters. Cover with

boiling water, add a small piece of salt pork and cook. When nearly done, lay on top pared potatoes and steam cook.

**DANDELION GREENS.**—Prepare as above, and when nearly done put a little salt into the water. Drain, cut fine and add butter, salt and pepper. When cold they make a delicious salad combined with diced potato and boiled dressing.

**DATE MUFFINS.**—Mix together one cup of graham, one cup of white flour, one slightly rounded teaspoon of cream of tartar, half a teaspoon of soda, half a teaspoon of salt, and two tablespoons of sugar. Skin, stone and cut into small pieces one dozen dates and work into the flour mixture. Beat together one cup of milk, one egg and one tablespoon of molasses and stir into the dry ingredients. Add three tablespoons of melted butter and beat hard until smooth. Bake in a moderately hot oven until brown. Makes one dozen.

**MARSHMALLOW.**—Soak one tablespoon of fine gelatine in one half cup of cold water twenty minutes. Dissolve with one half cup of boiling water. While hot, add one scant cup of sugar, stir until it dissolves, and cool. Add one teaspoon of vanilla. Beat the whites of four large or five small eggs until dry, and then add the gelatine syrup, one tablespoon at a time, beaten thoroughly in. Have ready melted over a steaming teakettle two squares of chocolate, and beat this into one half of the marshmallow. Pour into small round pan to set. Pour the remainder of marshmallow into a pan about one inch thick, and cut into squares with a sharp knife dipped into hot water. Roll in powdered sugar. An attractive dish is made by surrounding the chocolate cake of marshmallow with the white squares, and it may be served with cream, fruit sauces or soft custard.

# A Gem of Destiny

By Anne McQueen

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**O**LD Miss Molly Carter, who had been governess at Rosecourt when Kitty Plair was a little girl, had a mania for traveling in vacation time. On one of these journeys—her last, as it proved, for the good soul, who was getting on in years, died soon after—she bought in San Francisco's Chinatown a jade necklace, which she sent as a birthday gift to Kitty Plair, down in Virginia. The particular Chinaman who kept the little curio store was ill at the time, so it happened that he never saw the jade necklace, which his wife had purchased from a white man who was plainly a dope fiend, and sadly wanting his drug, so that he parted from the necklace very cheaply. The woman merely made about five hundred percent on the trinket, so that if the fact had been known to her lord and master he would probably have beaten her very severely for letting it go at a sacrifice. However, if it hadn't been very cheap, Miss Molly couldn't have afforded it, and Kitty Plair would never have been its owner.

Kitty and her twin brother, Clint, were sole owners of Rosecourt, which had the loveliest roses and the barest fields of any plantation in the county. Kitty tended the roses and Clint plowed the fields with an ancient mule. All, including the mule, did their very best, but it seemed that the fields were worn out, needing all sorts of cultivation and fertilizers to coax the soil into producing, and these Clint didn't have.

"I'm ready to give up," he confided to his twin one spring day when the roses were all doing their level best to reach perfection, and nearly approaching it. "I hate to leave home, but there's no use—taxes eat up what little we make, and nobody wants to rent, the old house is in such bad repair. Reckon we'd better pull out and go to town, Kit; you can study stenography and I can clerk, or something like that, and study at night bookkeeping, or something. We'll rent us a little apartment and you can cook our meals over a gas jet for a while."

"How about Susie Cameron?" queried Kitty, who was fastening up a burdened vine; "look—Clint: did you ever see this yellow Lady Banks so full of blossoms before?"

"Pity we couldn't eat 'em," observed her twin, gloomily. "As to Susie—she'll wait for me. I reckon; if she doesn't I don't blame her—not a bit."

"I'm like Mr. Micawber, I always believe something'll turn up," said Kitty, cheerfully. "Anyway, I don't believe anybody will buy our house, though it does look fine from the road, with all these lovely flowers in bloom; gracious knows I work hard enough to keep it and the yard—our rose-garden. Well, don't let's cross bridges till we get to them. You know we are going in to town this afternoon to a reception given that British officer. It's a lawn party, like they have in England, you know. Susie Cameron says they want him to feel at home, so they'll have tea and crumpets, I believe. I don't know what crumpets really are, but I reckon they are cakes. I bet Sally Lunn is a heap better."

"I met him," nodded Clint; "got wounded early in the war, and they sent him over here, invalided, to teach—instructor at a camp, I believe." "I wonder why he doesn't go home, now the war's over?" mused Kitty, regarding her roses with a loving eye, and thinking but little of the Englishman.

"Been staying till he got good and well, I believe; been out in California for his health. Looks well enough, now, and I think he's on his way—will leave in a few days, Susie said. Say, Kit, did you know he was a real live lord—the eldest son of an earl—a viscount? Lord Leslie!"

"Never saw one; but I know how they look—monocle, droopy mustache, a drawl and some very exclusive slang, patronized, apparently, by the nobility. I've read about 'em in stories."

"All right," chuckled her twin, "wait and see for yourself. What are you going to do to the Englishman?"

"My lands, what a question! My white volie, of course!"

"That's it—white volie for summer, blue serge for winter. Kit, when we go to the city—"

"Hush up about the city! Something may turn up. A white volie doesn't fade, and it lasts two summers. A blue serge can be easily cleaned, and it lasts three winters. I stick to my colors!"

But, when she dressed for the lawn party that afternoon she considered the white volie with a meditative eye, wondering what she might wear in the way of accessories, for it wasn't every day that one was invited to meet a lord.

She finally tied on a green sash and put round her slim white throat—only it was sunburned, really—the jade necklace old Miss Molly had sent her, just the year before.

It was a queer thing, set in silver, with a huge oblong pendant of silver with a tiny jade idol dangling at the end.

"I don't think poor Miss Molly's necklace is improved by the pendant," thought Kitty, as she viewed her reflection in the tall pier-glass which had been her grandmother's—all of the furniture in the house had belonged to grands and great-grands, which was lucky for the twins, being made on principle and to last for several more generations, with good usage. "I think that'll take it off before I wear it again. It's hampered on hard and fast. I'd get Clint to take it off with his penknife. Anyway, it matches my sash, so I'll wear it for the jade."

She stuck a bunch of perfect Duchesse roses in her belt, and regarded her image with ap-

proval. "White volie, pink roses, green leaves, green sash, green necklace—and you're not so frightful looking your own self, Kitty Plair!" She was not there was nothing to frighten anybody in Kitty Plair's face, which was a soft, clear brown, with the pink showing rudely through in lips and cheeks, and a dimple lurking in every out-of-the-way curve—dimples that were so charming one naturally watched for them to come out and play hide-and-seek.

There was nothing frightful in her eyes, which were the brownest, merriest mirrors of light and shadow; clear as sunlit streams, deep as the cool pools of the river, soft as the haze of evening, bright as the rays of morning—eyes that were very good to look upon in all their lights and shadows.

Her hair was dusky and soft with waves that broke out into fetching little curls when she gave them a chance, or the wind frolicked with them; her figure was small and rounded and firm, with brown, dimpled hands and arms that, because of her fresh youth, still showed no signs of the toil that would, in time, roughen and wrinkle them. Decidedly, Kitty Plair was anything but frightful. And Clint, her twin, was very much like her in a decidedly masculine way.

They were a very good-looking pair indeed as they walked briskly along the grassy border of the red road on their way to town—which folks outside called village. They walked in the grass to keep from getting dusty; it was only two miles, and just a fair walk, but they would have much preferred a vehicle, if they had owned one outside the wagon which was drawn in time of need by the ancient mule, high Adam.

"I wish Adam were an automobile," said Kitty, critically, viewing her white slipper. "I say, Clint, we need a shower."

"Sure we do; and you might as well wish Adam were an airship while you are about it. I'd rather fly than ride in a smelly car, every time."

"Clint had gone up a time or two in a 'ship' with an army aviator; he considered himself hardly used because they refused him for that branch of the service. In fact, Clint had not had a dog's chance, he declared, in the big war, because it was ended before he could get across from the training camp—that injustice would always rankle in his memory—they went and finished before he had his chance!"

Still, they looked very fresh and spotless when they reached the big, red-bricked home of the Camerons, set in a tree-shaded lawn of soft sward thick as carpet, whereon a gay company moved about among tables and benches, chatting, drinking tea—which not many of them liked, and flocking like a big bunch of many-colored blossoms about a tall, slender, rather good-looking young man, guileless of monocle or mustache, and talking, apparently, in English that was quite free from slang—Lord Leslie, or Major Leslie, as he preferred to be termed, the son of an earl and a real, live lord.

Kitty, watching intently for some choice specimen of lordly slang, was disappointed, she told herself, to find that he was just a nice, ordinary young man. From the first he seemed fascinated by that young lady; he did not talk very much, but he stared—actually stared at her all the time.

"I couldn't make out whether it was my sash, my roses or my necklace, for he didn't get as far as my face," she confided to Clint, as they took their way homeward. "What do you reckon it was, Clint?"

"Don't know—surely not that old white rag you wear; if you wore pink or red, or something striking—and that necklace Miss Molly gave you is ugly as the devil!"

"Must have been my roses, then," decided Kitty, tranquilly patting them, "but they are all withered now."

Next morning Kitty was kneading bread in the kitchen when Mattietta, the small colored girl who was her one servant, came in with round eyes. "White man out to de front, Miss Kitty, say kin he see you, please ma'am."

"Agent," declared Kitty, up to her elbows in dough. "I can't leave my bread, Mattietta—bring him round to the back of the house—not through it, mind—I don't trust agents too much."

Mattietta obeyed, marching in to the kitchen door and standing aside to let in the white man, who had meekly followed her round the house. "Here he is, Miss Kitty."

It was the English Major—the lord, eldest son—and presumably heir of an earl!

"For goodness sake!" breathed Kitty, from her rolling board—"I thought you were an agent! Mattietta, set a chair for the gentleman. If you'll just excuse me while I finish my dough—you know how it is when you're working light-bread—you just can't let it get cold—or it falls flat."

"Yes—oh, yes indeed," agreed the Major, heartily; "I'm in no hurry—not the slightest, take your own time."

And right then and there, without the slightest intention on the earth, the earl's heir fell head over ears in love with Kitty Plair!

She was so charming, so utterly unconscious, and so terribly beautiful in a faded pink gingham bungalow apron, with short sleeves and a dutch neck, as she kneaded the dough with firm, dimpled hands; a smudge of flour on her nose, of course, which but added to her beauty, the major thought as he watched her, and forgot his errand.

"Run out to the three-acre field and call Mr. Clint. Mattietta—he's plowing potatoes," said Kitty, quite as a matter of course.

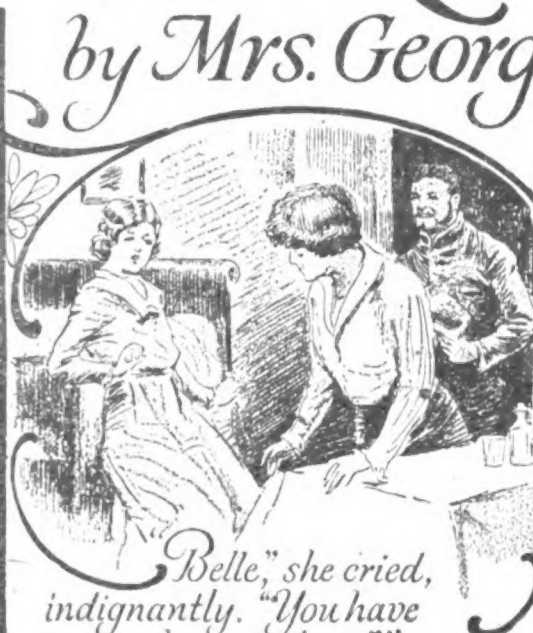
"Do—please don't interrupt your brother," begged the lord, earnestly. "I came—I came."

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# His Heart's Queen

by Mrs. Georgie Sheldon



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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

On a car, going up a steep hill, leading to the Zoological Gardens of Cincinnati, is Violet Draper Huntington. Opposite her sits Wallace Richardson. Nearly at the top of the hill, something beneath the car breaks. Wallace seizes Violet's hands and locking them behind his neck commands her to cling. The car crashes down, burying all the passengers beneath the ruins. They are the only two alive, and hurried to Wallace Richardson's home, are cared for by his mother, Mrs. Mencke. Violet's sister provides a nurse and leaves orders for Violet to see no one. The nurse out for a walk, Violet goes to the adjoining room to meet Wallace and thank him for the life saved. As they become more friendly, Wallace realizes his danger and Violet is hopelessly in love. Violet asks Wallace to come with his mother to see her. Mrs. Mencke takes Violet to Saratoga for two months, then to Cincinnati, and home. The following day, picking up a paper, Violet reads of Mrs. Richardson's death. She goes to the Richardson's house and expresses her sympathy to Wallace, who unconsciously calls her my darling, and asks her forgiveness. As she whispers, "I am glad," he knows she is all his own. Returning home, her sister demands where she has been, and learning it was at Mrs. Richardson's funeral, that she rides in the carriage with Wallace and Mrs. Dent. Mrs. Mencke denounces it as questionable and that she must drop him for all time. Wallace, calling upon Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Mencke return and she introduces him and admits he is her promised husband. She overhears Belle's and her husband's scheme to place her in a convent. Mrs. Mencke, proposing a trip to Montreal, Violet refuses to go, and Mrs. Mencke takes Mrs. Hawley, who is to sail for Europe and gives her permission for Vane to win Violet. Failing to get Violet's consent, she produces a notice of Wallace Richardson's death, which throws Violet into a severe sickness, leaving her sad and heartbroken. She confesses to Vane her love for Wallace Richardson, her sister's opposition, concealing nothing. Knowing she is unhappy from causes other than Wallace's death, Vane urges her to allow him to give her his name, to shield her from sorrow and care. Violet, afraid to yield, hesitates, but later she consents to what he thinks best, but with many misgivings. Mrs. Mencke, entering Violet's room, finds the bed made and the room in order and no trace discovered of her. Four weeks later, Lord Cameron sees the body of a woman upon the beach clad in dark grey suit with bands of blue silk. Believing it is Violet, he selects a spot near the sea for burial. The next day a stranger appears and requests to meet the woman reported to have married Lord Cameron. Being questioned by the Menckes his right, he produces the marriage certificate and Vane Cameron confirms it by Violet's admission of it to him, the treatment received, her disappearance and later the finding of her body by drowning and the burial. Wallace falls unconscious and Lady Cameron and Vane remain with Wallace through a severe illness, after which he returns to New York, building up a fine business. In the meanwhile, Wilhelm Mencke squanders all at the gaming table and Mrs. Mencke goes to Cincinnati from which place she suddenly disappears. Violet comes to New York, securing a position as governess for Bertha Lawrence, who is partially blind and possessed of a strong will. She wins her affections, Mr. Lawrence treating her as a member of the family, and alone with himself determines to win Violet. Wilhelm Mencke secures Violet's address and learns that Wallace Richardson is in the city. Calling upon him and desiring to raise money, he offers Violet's jewelry for two thousand dollars. Wallace objects. As the husband of Violet, he is the legal heir and will give a sum which may be named as their value and fifty dollars. Jonas Huntington dies, leaving a fortune to his niece, Violet Huntington. She, supposed to be dead, the nearest heir is Mrs. Wilhelm Mencke, for whom search is being made. Wilhelm Mencke, to secure this property, schemes to get Violet in his power. He haunts Fifth Avenue and learns of her movements. Bertha Lawrence, meeting with an accident, is lovingly cared for by Violet, until her death, after which she proposes to look for employment. Mr. Lawrence, in his gratitude, desires to adopt her as his daughter and heiress. Violet, going out at dusk, is accosted by Mencke. She steps around the corner of a street, when she is suddenly seized and thrust into a carriage, and carried to a scantily furnished apartment where she is waited upon by a woman who is sworn to guard her. Lord Cameron, still in the city, receives many invitations, and secures favors for Wallace. The first they attend, Lord Cameron meets and is charmed with Alice Humphrey who later promises to be his wife. Wilhelm Mencke calls on Violet and fails to get her signature. Dropping a letter, which Violet reads, she learns why she is kidnapped. Determined to escape, through strategy she obtains a pair of pincers and succeeds in turning the key. Making her way to the roof she lifts a scuttle and slipping through descends the narrow stairs.

## CHAPTER XXXII.

### AN UNEXPECTED MEETING.

EVIDENTLY nobody had been disturbed by the noise of the falling glass, for all was quiet in the upper story when Violet reached the foot of the scuttle stairs. She groped her way around to the head of the next flight, and cautiously descended them. Upon reaching the bottom, she caught sight of a streak of light shining through a crack beneath a door just in front of her. This led her to suppose there was a room beyond, and doubtless there was some one in it. She felt that she would have to be very cautious in her movements, or she would be detected, and her aim was to make her way straight to the street door, and get out without disturbing any one.

Very softly she felt all about her, but could find no stair railing, as in the house from which she had just fled. She seemed to be inclosed in a small space, the only outlet to which was the door below which she could see the light streaming, and the stairs behind her, and she at once surmised that this house was divided into two tenements and so arranged that no one could get into the attic who did not belong in this portion of the house.

What should she do in this unforeseen emergency? She must get out some way, for she could not stay there all night, and she was liable to be discovered at any moment.

She thought of going back through the scuttle and trying some other; but if the houses were all arranged like this, she would be no better off. She approached the door and listened; but she could hear no sound within the lighted room. Perhaps it was only a hall, after all, and she had only to boldly push her way on, in order to quickly get out of her difficulty.

She felt for the handle of the door—found it—turned it.

The door yielded. She pushed it open a little way, and saw a poorly furnished chamber beyond. There was no carpet on the floor—only a rug or two. A scant fire was burning in a small stove. In one corner there was quite a comfortable-looking bed, upon which there lay the form of a woman—or at least Violet judged so from the cap which covered the head upon the pillow.

A small table stood beside it, upon which there was a lamp, a cup, and some vials containing medicine.

There was also another table opposite, and this, with two ordinary chairs and a rocker, completed the furnishings of the room.

There was another door opposite the one through which Violet was looking, and she was sure that it must lead out to another stairway, while it was evident that she could escape no other way.

The occupant of the bed appeared to be sleeping, and the young girl wondered if it would be possible for her to cross the room and get out without waking her. It would be a hazardous attempt, but she must make it.

She pushed the door a little farther—it creaked sharply upon its hinges, and Violet's heart leaped into her throat with sudden fear.

The sleeper did not stir, however, and, after a moment, Violet stepped inside the room, closed the door behind her without making a sound, and then glided noiselessly toward the one opposite.

She had just reached it, and was about to open it, when the woman upon the bed suddenly turned over and opened her eyes.

She saw the intruder instantly, stared at her in blank wonder for a moment, then she threw up her arms, with a shriek, followed by the wild cry of "Violet!" then all was still.

The woman upon the bed was Mrs. Mencke. Violet had recognized her instantly, and stood spellbound with amazement—and she had fainted from fright, believing her sister had appeared to her as a spirit.

That cry unlocked Violet's stupefied senses.

"Belle!" she cried, rushing to her side and grasping her cold hands in hers, while a feeling of horror and dismay overwhelmed her at finding her sister living in such apparent poverty, and ill besides.

All thought of self or of past injuries was swept out of sight in view of her wretched condition, and, hastily throwing off her cap and ulster, she at once set herself at work to do what she could for her restoration and comfort.

Mrs. Mencke was not long in returning to consciousness; but the wild look of fear returned to her eyes when she again opened them and they rested upon her sister, and the young girl knew that she still believed her to be an apparition.

"Violet!" breathed the woman, in an awestricken, scarcely audible tone.

"Yes, Belle, I am Violet," she said, smiling reassuringly. "Don't look so frightened. I know that you have long believed me to be dead, but it was all a dreadful mistake. See!" she continued, clasping her hands again; "is not this hand good, substantial flesh? No spirit ever had such warm, strong fingers as these."

Mrs. Mencke shivered and drew away from her.

"No, you cannot be Violet," she said, in a hollow voice, a half-dazed look still on her face, "though you have her face and voice and ways, for she was drowned—the fishermen and Lord Cameron found her body and buried it at Mentone, and—"

"It was not my body, Belle," Violet interrupted, anxious to set her sister's mind at rest, "but that of a poor peasant girl with whom I exchanged clothing so that I could more easily escape detection. Now be sensible, Belle, and don't look so dreadfully frightened. I am going to sit right down here beside you and tell you all about my running away."

"It can't be possible!" reiterated Mrs. Mencke, but her blank look was beginning to give place to one of credulity, and her natural color to return to cheek and lips.

"Indeed it is possible and true," Violet persisted, "and I will prove it to you. I couldn't marry Lord Cameron, Belle, for I did not love him. I knew I should make him miserable and be very unhappy myself, so I ran away at the last moment to save him as well as myself. I was so afraid that you would trace me I made this peasant girl let me have her costume for mine, and she must have fallen from the cliff after leaving me—it could have been no one else."

Violet then went on to tell her of all that had occurred since, until she finally succeeded in proving to her that she was indeed the sister whom she believed she had left lying in the church-yard at Mentone.

"Well, it seems very wonderful," she said, when Violet concluded the story of her flight and return to America. "I can hardly believe that I am not dreaming after all. But where have you been since your return, and what have you been doing all this time?"

"I have been living here in New York and teaching a little blind girl," Violet told her.

"How well you are looking," said Mrs. Mencke, thinking that she had grown prettier than ever. "No one would imagine that you missed your money at all, nor the luxuries to which you have always been accustomed. Oh, it is dreadful to be poor!" and the unhappy woman looked around her poverty-stricken room with a groan of anguish.

"Yes, it must be hard to be poor and sick, too, Belle," Violet said, in a tone of sympathy, for she could not treasure unkind feelings against her sister in her present condition. "But," she added, brightly, "as for me, I have not minded it much. I have rather enjoyed my work and the feeling of independence it has brought with it. I have begun to realize that I can be of some use in the world, instead of the idle, inefficient girl that I used to be. I will never lead such a life again—if I should ever be rich again, so that I shall not need to do anything for myself, I will work for others. But how does it happen, Belle, that I find you in such a woeful strait? Have you been sick long?"

"No; I am not really sick. I have only a heavy cold, and went directly to bed after taking an early supper. But," with a moan, "I never thought I should come to this—to think that a Huntington should ever have to live in such a room and from hand to mouth, as I have had to do of late. Violet, it is dreadful!" and she began to wring her hands and sob in a heart-broken way that touched her companion deeply.

"Hush, Belle," she said, kindly. "If you have suffered you shall suffer no longer. I have money, and, remembering the letter which Wilhelm Mencke had dropped, 'I shall probably have a good deal more soon. But tell me how you came to be so very poor, and all about yourself.'"

She did not think it best just then to say anything about her husband or to tell her that she knew aught regarding his movements.

"Well, to begin with," Mrs. Mencke replied, and assuming a mournful, complaining tone, "you can imagine that it was a terrible disappointment and shock to me to have things turn out as they did at Mentone, and then all that followed after you ran away—you know, I suppose—don't you know?"

"Do I not know what, Belle?" Violet inquired, wondering what made her stammer so, and regard her so strangely.

Mrs. Mencke had been upon the point of saying something about Wallace's sudden appearance at Mentone, when it occurred to her that Violet had not mentioned his name, in relating her experiences since her flight, and possibly she might not know, even now, that he was living. If she did not already know how she had been deceived regarding his supposed death, the woman thought that there would be no need of confessing her share in the deception just at present.

"Of course you must know," she answered, recovering herself, "that Lord Cameron would blame me for what occurred. He naturally inferred that I knew how you shrank from the marriage, and resented it because I kept the fact from him, so of course there were hard feelings and an estrangement. Wilhelm and I spent the remainder of that summer in Switzerland, returning to London in the fall. Wilhelm had been getting into bad habits ever since we began to travel—and even before we left home, I imagine, if the truth were known, but after that denouement at Mentone he drank more deeply than ever, and gambled constantly. Of course our money melted away like ice in midsummer, and one night he burst in upon me saying that our last dollar was gone. You can imagine what followed. I was furious, and said a great deal that I should not have said

in calmer moments, and he suddenly absconded, taking with him all your jewelry and some of mine."

"Why, Belle, did he dare do that?" Violet cried, indignantly.

"Yes," said Mrs. Mencke, "I expect he was half-crazed from his ill-luck and drink, and, not having any money, or at least not very much, he did not know what else to do. Fortunately I had enough to pay my bills and bring me back to America, and I returned almost immediately. Of course I would not go back to Cincinnati where we had always been at the top of the ladder, and so I concluded to bury myself here where no one knew me. I sold a piece or two of my jewelry, hired a room and furnished it, then tried to get something to do to support myself, but I was not used to work. I tried sewing and just managed to get along, when I took a sudden cold, had rheumatic fever, and was laid up for weeks. I could not do very much for a long time after that; my funds became low. I had to leave my comfortable room, and was finally reduced to this. I have lived here for several months, and have managed to get enough to eat by making lace—that German lace that mamma taught us how to make when we were children—but it has been hard work, and the shame of it has nearly killed me."

Violet well knew that her sister's proud spirit must have suffered tortures over her downfall, and she felt a deep pity for her.

"But, Belle, you had lots of diamonds—they were worth a small fortune. Could you not have sold them, and lived better than this?" she asked.

"Sold my diamonds!" exclaimed the woman, aghast. "No, indeed; they were all that I had left, except my clothes of better days, and I would have parted with them."

"But they surely could have been of no earthly use to you in your present condition," said Violet, thinking that bread was better than stones when a person was hungry.

"I know it, but I love them, and I will never part with them; something may yet happen to restore me to my former position. Oh, Violet, if you had only been sensible—if you had never fallen in love with that miserable carpenter, you could have married Lord Cameron, and all this trouble never need have come upon us," she wailed, in conclusion.

Violet flushed. She thought it was very hard and unjust that she should be blamed thus for what could not have been the result of any fault of hers.

"Hush, Belle," she said, keen pain in her tone. "I loved Wallace—I love him still, even though he is gone, and I never could become the wife of any man while his image filled my heart. You should not blame me for your misfortunes, when I have had nothing to do with them."

"She does not dream that he is living," Mrs. Mencke said to herself, and then, while she was revolving in her mind whether it would be best to undeceive her, Violet changed the subject by asking:

"Have you ever heard anything from Wilhelm since he left you in London?"

"No, and I don't think I ever wish to," the woman replied, a frown settling upon her brow. "He behaved so abominably during those last few months and has got to be such a gambler and spendthrift that I believe I am better off away from him. I imagine that you do not care very much about seeing him again, for he has spent all your money as well as mine."

"No," Violet returned, flushing, "I do not think that I care to meet him."

"I cannot understand how you happened to find me out," Mrs. Mencke suddenly remarked, "and you came in by the door leading from the attic, too; how could that be possible when everybody has to pass through this room to get up there?"

Violet had been wondering how she should explain her presence there, and she now concluded that she could give no reason but the real one, and so she resolved to tell her sister the whole truth.

She saw that she was feeling very bitterly toward her husband on account of his treatment of her, and so she believed she would sympathize with her if she should tell her how she had recently been abducted and kept a prisoner.

"Why don't you answer me, Violet?" Mrs. Mencke demanded. "It is the strangest thing in the world, and now I think of it, you looked as if you were trying to get out at the door without my seeing you. I hired this room and the attic because they were cut off from the rest of the house; my trunks and all my fine clothes are up there so no one can get at them without my knowing it."

"Well, Belle, if you must know, I came in through the skylight," Violet said, seeing she must explain.

"Through the skylight? Good gracious! how could you do that? Wasn't it fastened?" exclaimed her sister in alarm.

"Yes, but I broke a pane of glass and unfastened it."

"But how came you up there on the roof?"

"I came out of another house at the end of the block—in fact, Belle, I have been locked up in one of the houses at the farther end of the block for the last three or four weeks, but succeeded in getting away today by walking over the roofs and, as it happened, stumbled upon you here."

"What can you mean?" cried Mrs. Mencke, sitting up.

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#### The Three Gates

"If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale someone to you has told  
About another, make it pass  
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

"Three narrow gates—First, 'Is it true?'  
Then, 'Is it needful?' In your mind  
Give faithful answer. And the next  
Is the last and narrowest, 'Is it kind?'

"And if to reach your lips at last  
It passes through these gateways three  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the results of speech may be."

—Author unknown.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:  
Let us send up three cheers for the Daddy of "Subscriber." I am with him on the check question. Let us see how many of us can hold as a souvenir a check with Uncle Charlie's signature and the prints of the Goat's pearly teeth on the corner. I raised only one hundred pennies and you will say I needn't make such a fuss over so small an amount, but I am almost sixty years old and not in good health.

ONE OF UNCLE CHARLIE'S ADMIRERS.

BATESVILLE, 143 S. Park Ave., IND.

HOWDY EVERYBODY:

Slowly now and cautiously with sidelong glances under Mrs. Wilkinson's table and all the chairs—a deep sigh of relief—for no goat is in sight just now but I'm thoroughly convinced that a cousin or nearer kin, to Uncle Charlie's Billy inhabits this office also, as it completely devoured my last letters. Such an appetite. Ugh!

Here's my donation to Uncle Charlie's Home Fund. How was it earned? Oh, it's only a tenth, the whole of which was earned darnin' socks, washin' dishes and such like.

Any one care to try my recipe to give the face a good color? "Get a pot of rouge and a rabbit's foot. Bury them two miles from home and walk out once a day to see if they are still there."

Some one please strike the chords of "Back Home Again in Indiana," where I'll be glad to meet the "hull" crowd of you anytime.

By, by, Miss EDNA STOCKINGER.

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DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have been a subscriber to COMFORT for nearly fifteen years and have made several dear pen friends through it; one lives in W. Va. and the other in Texas. They are both dear, good women, I know.

I have been married seven years to the best Will in the world and he has never given me a cross word and is always ready to help when he has any spare time. We have a sweet little girl, three years old, who is Papa's pet. She is the sunshine of our home.



TAKEN WHEN SHE WAS ONE YEAR AND NINE MONTHS OLD.

This picture was taken when she was one year and nine months old. She has black hair, big brown eyes and rosy cheeks.

We live in the country and I enjoy the outdoor life and think it the only place for children although the city offers better advantages in the way of education.

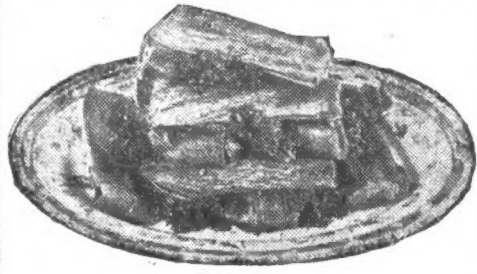
Pearl Vesey and Nelle Fischer, your letters are fine. Mrs. Alverson, my girlie also loves stories and when COMFORT comes she always finds the Cubby Bear story

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## Comfort Sisters' Recipes

**A** READER from the state of Mexico sends us a recipe for a dish that is well known in her state and it would add variety to the Sisters' Recipes if others would follow her example and tell us how to prepare some particular food for which their state or locality is famed. And remember that while you may know just how much "enough," or "a little" is, a great many of us do not, so give exact measurements.—Ed.

**TAMALES.**—Put corn husks, either fresh or dried, to soften in warm water. In a tablespoon of lard or beef fat put one large onion thinly sliced with two cloves of garlic and fry well but do not brown. Add to this one and a half cups of any cooked meat finely minced, one tablespoon of chile powder, and enough gravy to make the mixture the consistency of dough. Stir and cook about two minutes, then set aside. Put two cups of boiling water, or gravy and water, into a stew-pan, season with a scant teaspoon of salt, two even teaspoons of chile powder and one-tablespoon of



TAMALES.

fat, and, when boiling hard, slowly add one cup of dry corn meal and cook slowly about half an hour. Wipe husks dry with a clean cloth, and on each spread a little of the mush, making it about three or four inches long. To every five husks covered with mush, to one add a large spoonful of the meat mixture and spread smooth, pressing into the meat a few raisins and sliced olives. Over this put a husk of plain mush so the meat will be entirely covered, and on either side one more. It should be about the size of an ear of corn. Tie with ribbons of the corn husk at each end and with scissors trim evenly at each end. Steam one hour with water in steamer kept boiling hard.—MEXICO SISTER, Mexico.

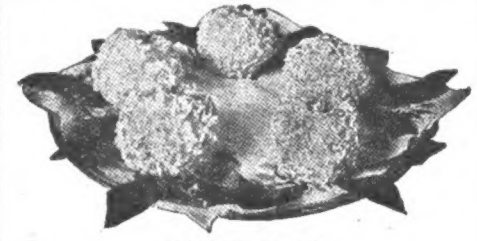
**BAKED HALIBUT.**—Boil two pounds of halibut from twenty to thirty minutes; take out the bones and break the meat into small pieces; mix four hard-boiled eggs, sliced, and four ground crackers with the fish. Add a pint and a half of milk, half a cup of butter and salt and pepper to taste. Bake one hour.

**FISH SALAD.**—Take one pound of baked fresh cod or any kind of cooked fish and chop fine; pour over it a dressing made as follows: Two eggs, three tablespoons vinegar, one tablespoon of cream, one teaspoon of sugar, one quarter of a teaspoon of salt and one quarter of a teaspoon of mustard. Cook in double boiler until thickness of cream.

**FISH CHOWDER.**—One half pound pork, one fresh haddock, and one quart sliced potatoes. Fry the pork in a deep kettle; then add a layer of fish and a layer of potatoes, with a sprinkling of salt, pepper and flour. Cover nearly to top with boiling water and cook twenty minutes. Add one quart of boiling milk when ready to serve.

**VEAL LOAF.**—Two pounds of veal, one egg, small piece of salt pork, one onion, one cup cracker-crumbs, one tablespoon cream. Grind meat, onion and crackers, add egg, cream and seasoning. Put in buttered tin and bake one hour.—MRS. FRANK THOMAS, Thief River Falls, Minn.

**COCONUT BALLS.**—If fresh cocoanut is not available, use the dried, first soaking it in whatever amount of fresh milk it will absorb. To each two cups of cocoanut



COCONUT BALLS.

add one cup of sugar, powdered preferable. Add two tablespoons of flour, and one well-beaten white of egg. Mix thoroughly, shape into balls, roll in powdered sugar and bake in a slow oven twenty minutes. If cakes are preferred, flatten the balls.

**POTATO SALAD.**—Peel and slice enough cold boiled potatoes to fill a quart dish; salt and pepper to taste; chop two small onions very fine and mix with them. Put half a cup of vinegar and one teaspoon of butter in a dish and let it heat gradually. Beat the yolks of two eggs thoroughly, pour into a cup and fill cup with thick sweet cream; beat well together and pour into the vinegar. Stir constantly until it reaches the boiling point, then pour it over the potatoes and mix thoroughly. Serve cold.

**RICE RECIPE.**—Cook rice in salted water until done. Make a tomato gravy as follows: One half can tomatoes, or ripe tomatoes in equal proportions, season with salt, bay leaf, paprika, a little soda and a small onion cut into small pieces. Add a cup of water and boil five minutes. Now fry a tablespoon of flour in two level tablespoons of butter and add tomato pulp and let boil until it thickens. Pour this over rice and serve at once or put rice in baking dish with alternate layers of bread-crumbs and tomatoes and bake. Beans and macaroni may be fixed the same way.—MRS. F. C. W., California.

**BAKED ONIONS.**—Select smooth, evenly sized onions, place in baking sheet and bake half an hour in a quick oven. Pare off the burnt skins, season well with salt and pepper, add butter and serve.

**STEAMED PARSNIPS.**—Wash and scrape clean, steam one hour, then cut into thin slices and season with salt and pepper. Add plenty of butter and serve.

**PRUNE SHORTCAKE.**—One pint of flour, one teaspoon of cream of tartar, half a teaspoon of soda, and half a teaspoon of salt stirred together. Rub in one third of a cup of butter, or chicken fat. Beat one egg, add one scant cup of milk and stir it into the dry ingredients. Pour dough into a cake tin, cover top with a sprinkling of sugar, and bake. Remove from tin, let partly cool, then cover the top and sides with whipped cream and arrange rows of steamed prunes on top and around cake. Serve at once.

**PRUNE COOKIES.**—One cup sugar, one half cup shortening, one cup of prunes, chopped fine, one quarter cup of milk, three teaspoons baking powder, one half teaspoon cinnamon, one half teaspoon salt and four cups of flour or enough to roll. Cream the sugar, shortening and prunes together; add milk, cinnamon and salt; sift the baking powder with three cups of flour and add; then add as much flour as needed to roll dough to quarter inch thick. Cut out and bake in hot oven fifteen minutes.

**PRUNE SPONGE.**—Dissolve two tablespoons of gelatin in one and one half cups boiling water. Add one and one half cups of prune juice and enough sugar to suit



PRUNE SHORTCAKE.

taste. As soon as it begins to set, beat it with an egg beater until light and foamy, then fold in one cup of sweetened whipped cream and pour into mould to harden. When ready to serve garnish with whole cooked prunes and whipped cream.

**SALAD DRESSING.**—For one quart of diced vegetables put in a small bowl one level teaspoon of salt and one third of a teaspoon of pepper; mix, and gradually beat in six tablespoons of salad oil and two of vinegar. Mix thoroughly through vegetables and serve.

**TRIPE IN TOMATO SAUCE.**—(Italian Style). Put two tablespoons of butter in pan, add four chopped onions and quite a lot of chopped parsley. When well done, add one cup of canned tomato and salt and pepper to taste, with a dash of spices if preferred. Have tripe clean and cut into strips. Put into sauce and cook one hour. Add water to prevent burning.—MRS. ALFRED BEETON, Meadville, Mont.

**SPONGE CAKE.**—Two eggs, one half cup sugar, one cup corn syrup, two tablespoons hot water, one teaspoon lemon extract, one cup corn flour, one and one half teaspoons baking powder, one half teaspoon salt. Beat yolks of eggs until thick and lemon-colored; add sugar and continue beating. Add syrup, water and extract. Sift dry ingredients together and add alternately with stiffly-beaten whites of eggs to first mixture. Bake in moderate oven.

**BARLEY AND ROLLED OATS DROP COOKIES.**—One cup barley flour, one and one fourth cup rolled oats, one half cup fat, one fourth cup brown sugar, one half cup corn syrup, one egg, two teaspoons baking powder, one half teaspoon salt, one half teaspoon cinnamon, one half cup nuts, one half cup raisins. Cream the fat and sugar; add syrup and beaten egg. Mix dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Drop from a teaspoon upon a greased pan and bake in a moderate oven.—U. S. DEPT. AGRICULTURE.

**DOUGHNUTS.**—One cup sour cream, one teaspoon soda, one cup sugar, three eggs, a little salt, ginger and cinnamon, and flour enough to make dough to roll. Fry in hot fat.

**HOT WATER GINGERBREAD.**—One egg, one third cup sugar, two thirds cup molasses, two tablespoons fat, one and one half cup barley flour, one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon salt, one half teaspoon ginger, one half teaspoon cinnamon, two thirds cup boiling water. Combine the egg, sugar, molasses and melted fat. Sift together the dry ingredients and add alternately with the boiling water. (This cake may be made with buttermilk, omitting the egg and fat.)

**BARLEY SPICED CAKE.**—One half cup fat, two thirds cup sugar, one cup corn syrup, three eggs, two thirds cup milk, one teaspoon vanilla, one half teaspoon ginger, one teaspoon cinnamon, one half teaspoon cloves, one teaspoon allspice, one fourth teaspoon salt, six teaspoons baking powder, three and three fourths cups barley flour, one cup of raisins.

Cream the fat, sugar and egg yolks. Add the syrup and mix well. Add alternately the liquid and dry ingredients sifted together. Bake in a moderate oven and after twenty minutes increase the heat to a hot oven. (This makes a large cake.)—U. S. DEPT. AGRICULTURE.

**MAPLE SUGAR CAKE.**—Two cups of sugar, one cup of sweet milk, three quarters of a cup of butter, three cups of flour, three heaping teaspoons of baking powder, four eggs, beaten separately. Use maple sugar for frosting.—MRS. EARL SPINDLER, Strauburg, Ohio.

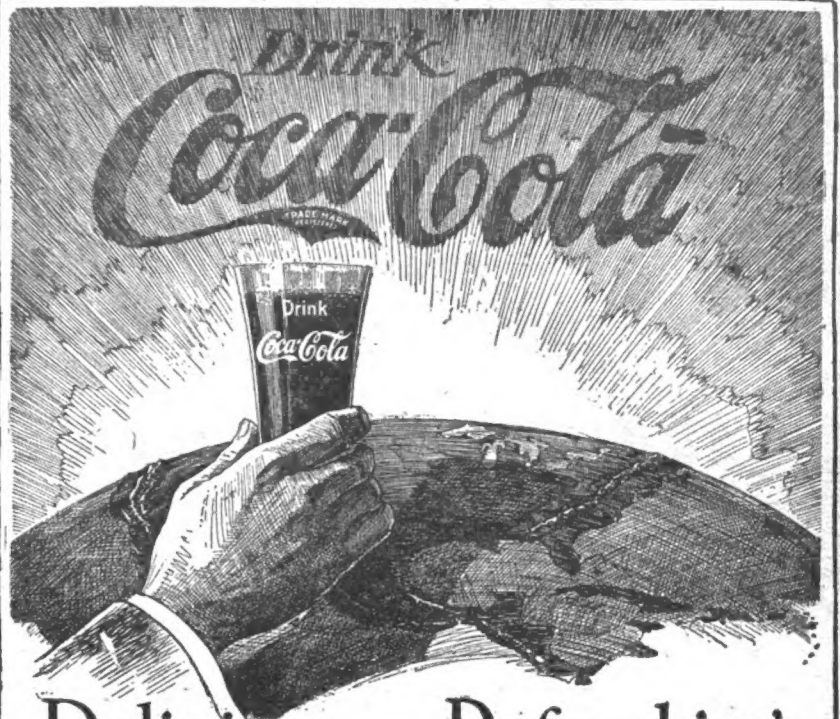
**EGG DUMPLINGS.**—Beat two eggs, add one quarter teaspoon salt, two tablespoons milk. Sift one cup of flour with one scant teaspoon baking powder, add egg mixture and more flour if necessary to make thick batter. Drop by half teaspoonfuls in boiling broth. Cover

gether. Add the flavoring, and fold in the well-beaten whites of the eggs. Bake for one hour, starting in a moderate oven and after twenty minutes increase the heat to a hot oven. (This makes a large cake.)—U. S. DEPT. AGRICULTURE.

**APPLE CUSTARD PIE.**—One cup cooked apple, one cup corn syrup, two tablespoons sugar, one and one half tablespoons corn-starch, one tablespoon butter, one teaspoon lemon extract, one egg yolk. Combine the ingredients and cook in a double boiler until thick. Fill pie shell, cover with meringue made from stiffly-beaten white of egg and two tablespoons syrup. Brown in oven.

**RICE PIE CRUST.**—Line a greased pie pan with cold boiled rice, bringing the rice well over the edge of the pan and shaping it with a spoon dipped in milk. Bake the crust in a moderate oven until it is slightly brown. Use the crust like any pastry for a one-crust pie.

**RICE CREAM.**—Boil a cup of rice in sweet milk until soft, adding sugar and salt to taste; pour into cups, and, when cool, turn out into a dish, scoop a little piece out the top of each, and fill the space with jelly; beat a cup of cream until stiff, sweeten and season, and pour over the rice.



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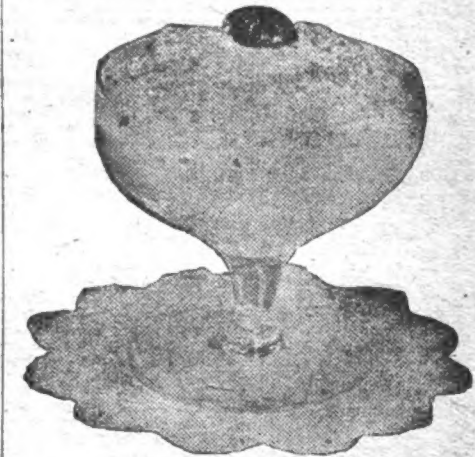
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and cook for ten minutes.—MISS BERNICE RUMMER, Lowell, Ohio.

**CUSTARD ICE CREAM.**—One teaspoon of fine gelatin soaked in three tablespoons of cold milk twenty minutes. Bring to a boil one quart of milk in a double boiler. Beat the yolks of two eggs to a light cream color, stir in one cup of sugar and a small pinch of salt. Pour into the egg and sugar a part of the boiling milk, stir until smooth and then return to boiler and cook until it is smooth, which will take a very few minutes. To long cooking will cause it to curdle. Add soaked gelatin and stir until dissolved. When cold, add one full



CUSTARD ICE CREAM.

teaspoon of vanilla, and pack to freeze. After twenty minutes begin turning freezer, and when the custard is about half frozen, add the two whites of eggs beaten stiff and continue turning until the custard is firm.

**MOCHA CAKE.**—Beat yolks and whites of three eggs separately, then beat well together. Add slowly one cup of sugar, beating while adding. Then add one and one half cups of flour to which has been added one teaspoon of baking powder. Beat well and then add one half cup of boiling milk to which has been added one teaspoon of butter and one teaspoon of vanilla.

**FILLING.**—Cream one and one half cups of powdered sugar, one third cup butter, two teaspoons cocoa and one teaspoon extract of coffee. Spread on cake.—MRS. GUY COOKE, Magnet, Ark.

**COTTAGE PUDDING.**—Two heaping cups of flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one half teaspoon salt, one egg, three quarters cup of sugar, three tablespoons melted butter and one cup of milk. Mix the salt and baking powder with the flour. Beat the egg, add the sugar, melted butter and milk and stir in the flour. Bake in a shallow pan.

**SAUCE.**—One half cup butter, one cup powdered sugar; cream and add one pint of mashed strawberries (canned ones will do), and last the beaten white of an egg.—MISS PEARL L. GUNTER, Ellenville, Miss.

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# Driven Apart

by Julia Edwards



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"You are always thoughtful, Tonita," said Beryl gratefully.

With a despairing cry, Beryl dashed forward.

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Nicholas Berdyne, past middle age, his face marred by disfigurement, schemes with Hartley Trenwyck to win Beryl Grayson, whose father is dead. She is engaged to Neil Preston, who goes to Alaska in the interest of a mine owned by Grayson and which falls into Berdyne's hands. Neil Preston is reported dead by Dave Gorsline, who is hired by Berdyne to tell Beryl. In her sorrow and loss of wealth, she refuses continued aid from Berdyne. Mr. Jackman from Denver, wanting to repay a debt owed to Beryl's father, invites Beryl to his ranch, where she forms a friendship for Tonita, a beautiful Mexican girl, who advises her not to marry Berdyne through any mistaken idea of gratitude. Irma Lee, discarded by Berdyne, warns Beryl that he serves his own selfish purpose and that Neil Preston lives and is on his way to Jackman's Ranch. Berdyne, persistent that Beryl shall become his wife, Neil Preston, overhearing her denunciation of his baseness and treachery and refusing to marry him, confronts Berdyne who swears he will follow his trail. The day Beryl Grayson becomes Berdyne's wife, Morley Preston, opposed to Neil's marriage, will tender Trenwyck a check for five thousand dollars and Berdyne will give a like sum. He admits Beryl's trust in Jackman and that the letter written offering her the home was inspired by him, that he holds a heavy mortgage on the Jackman ranch, and with this knowledge they plot to separate the lovers who plan to be married the following day. Jackman, a tool in Berdyne's and Trenwyck's hands, drugs the wine which he gives Beryl when he drinks with her happiness, and she, feeling dizzy and faint, goes to her room and the door is locked. Neil Preston, returning for Beryl, meets Tonita. Approaching Jackman's house, an automobile is in waiting and a man with Beryl in his arms appears from the house and lifts her into the car. Preston strikes him down, and taking the auto, with Tonita, they make their escape through the night for San Francisco. Trenwyck advises Berdyne not to go too far. Not to be foiled in capturing Beryl, they take an early train to San Francisco, wiring Gorsline to watch for the auto, the Red Flyer, which he locates near the residence of a minister, who is called early to perform a marriage ceremony, which is scarcely over, when there is a summons from the door. Berdyne enters, and Neil, struggling to defend his wife, reels and falls to the floor amid the chaos of an earthquake, while Beryl is borne helplessly away. Making her escape, she wanders back to Pine Street, searching the wrecked house in vain for her husband, who is hurried to a temporary hospital by Tonita. She leaves a note for Neil that Berdyne has taken Beryl in the Red Flyer. Neil, regaining consciousness, goes in search of his wife, and seeing the wreck of the machine, knows that Beryl has escaped from Berdyne. Trenwyck, in league with Gorsline, meeting Beryl, assures her that Tonita is waiting for her on Sutter Street, and, unconscious of treachery, she goes with Trenwyck, where she is made a prisoner by Gorsline. Neil, wandering on Portsmouth Square, recognizes Trenwyck and following him sees him enter the house to which Beryl is persuaded to go. He opens the front door and lets himself in. Following the sound of voices, Neil sees Trenwyck and Gorsline and overhears the talk that a woman is made a prisoner. Positive that it is Beryl, he demands to know where she is, and with the refusal to tell there is a hand-to-hand struggle, in which Neil overpowers Gorsline, who admits she is in the library. Neil, entering, finds it vacant. Again in the street, he is pushed into a group crowded around a van piled with trunks, one of which is Berdyne's. The toppling of a brick wall breaks the trunk open and among the scattered papers is a charred bundle marked "Papers Concerning the Grayson Affair," and knowing their value, he hastens to the home of his cousin Arthur Preston of Nob Hill, where they can be safely guarded. At the same hour Beryl and Tonita go to Nob Hill hoping to find Neil. His mother, recognizing Beryl, requests Arthur to prevent Neil from meeting her. She accuses Beryl of intrigue in winning Neil, and to prove her relation with him Beryl produces her marriage certificate. Mrs. Preston, dumbfounded and anxious to mislead Beryl, infers that Neil is on his way to Denver. The next morning Arthur hurriedly awakens Neil. The fire is upon them, the house doomed, and making preparations to leave, Neil encounters his mother, who admits her knowledge of his marriage and with his refusal to go with them and not desert his wife, his mother hopes never to see his face again.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

### PURSUED!

NOT until the two girls reached the walk outside the stately home of Arthur Preston did the emotions which poor Beryl had so bravely held in check while under the eyes of Neil's arrogant mother find vent. Tears brimmed from her eyes and fell over her soft cheek. She staggered, too, as though her strength had gone suddenly from her.

"Oh, my darling!" breathed the Mexican tenderly, "only to think that there could be such people in the world! That woman acted," added Tonita fiercely, "as though we were not good enough for her to wipe her shoes on. I hate her!" and she turned and shook her clenched brown hand toward the house.

The flickering flames from the portable stoves beat luridly about Tonita, bringing out her graceful, defiant form like a clear-cut cameo against the gloom of the street.

"Hush, dearest, hush!" murmured Beryl brokenly. "Let us not forget that she is my darling Neil's mother."

"For all that," cried Tonita, "she is a heartless wretch! I shall hate her always. Then think what she said about the Senator Preston!"

"That was false!" said Beryl, with sweet confidence. "Neil would never forsake me; he would never leave me alone in this great, desolated city. He is searching for me, and will continue to do so until we find each other and come into our happiness."

Beryl's grief and sadness fled, for her trust

in her lover brought an all-pervading calm to her troubled breast.

Suddenly, with a muttered exclamation of alarm, Beryl seized Tonita's hand and drew her down in the deep shadow of the inclosing wall.

"What is it?" asked the surprised Mexican. "What caused you—"

Beryl placed her little hand over her friend's lips and pointed. A man was coming along the sidewalk, walking hurriedly among the huddled refugees. He passed so close to the girls that they could have reached out and touched him. The light from the stoves shone in his face, and Beryl and Tonita could see him turn from the walk and climb the broad steps to the door of the Preston mansion.

"Trenwyck!" Beryl quiveringly gasped in Tonita's ear. "It is the wicked lawyer Irma Lee told me about—Berdyne's confederate—the man who lured me into the deserted house where we found Gorsline. Oh, if he had seen us! Come quickly, Tonita; let us fly from here and escape him."

Trembling with terror, but with strength inspired by her very fears, Beryl arose and started along the walk. Tonita, calmer and more collected, supported her as they hurried. At almost every corner they turned. The roar of the flames, the frightful pall of smoke in the sky, the desultory booming of distant dynamite, all conspired to unnervise poor Beryl, now that she had caught a glimpse of the lawyer's evil face.

"Courage, querida," said Tonita reassuringly. "You must stop and rest, for you can hardly drag yourself along."

"But we are followed! That wretched lawyer is behind us."

"I do not think so, dearest." "They told him at Arthur Preston's that we had been there," went on Beryl wildly; "they have put him on our track, knowing he is an agent of Berdyne's! They would do anything, anything, to have harm happen to me. Ah, was ever a poor girl so persecuted?"

But Beryl's fictitious strength was waning fast. She staggered, and Tonita drew her tenderly to the side of some steps by which they were passing. While they crouched there, the Mexican clasping her friend to her breast, Trenwyck came hurrying along, staring straight ahead. In a few moments he vanished. Beryl could not see him, as her eyes were hidden, but she heard the quick, eager step.

"Is it—is it Trenwyck?" she murmured. "No, querida," whispered Tonita, speaking deliberately, in order to spare her friend. "You have nothing more to fear now. Your Tonita would not let any harm come to you."

They rested a little while longer; then they got up, and the Mexican, guiding her friend, started in a direction opposite to that taken by the lawyer. Tonita herself was very weary, and a return to Russian Hill was out of the question. They must find some nearer refuge for the night. Presently they came out upon an open space, gleaming with white tents, and they could see soldiers patrolling back and forth.

"Halt!" cried a stern voice as the two girls approached the encampment. The poor wanderers halted, and the soldier who had challenged them came close and stared into their faces. The flickering, sullen light from the fire banners that waved over the city fell on the two fair faces, and the soldier marveled at their beauty.

"Sir," appealed Beryl, recalling the kindness of the other soldier she had met, and feeling that she and Tonita were near one who would befriend them, "we are very tired, and have no place where we can stay for the night. Our friends are at Russian Hill, but we do not feel able to walk so far."

"You ought to be with your friends," said the boy in blue, "but I can find a place for you in a tent where there are some other women. Come this way."

He led them in among the army tents, halted at one, stepped back, and waved them in.

"You will be safe here," said he kindly, "for the park is patrolled on all four sides. If any one should seek to molest you, you have only to cry out, and assistance will come."

They thanked the guard and crept into the tent. There were others there, farther back in the gloom. A woman's voice called: "Anna, is it you? My daughter, my little daughter!"

"We are two homeless girls, madam," answered Beryl.

A wall of disappointment came from the woman. "I was asleep and dreaming, dreaming that my lost child had been restored to me," cried the woman. "We were separated, and I wonder if we shall ever meet again in this life!"

The moaning voice subsided into a sort of dumb despair. In a few moments the soldier returned and passed something into the tent.

"Here are two blankets," said he; "I got them for you out of a couple of our blanket rolls."

Again they thanked him for his thoughtfulness, and made themselves as comfortable as they could on the hard ground. Beryl soon fell into sound slumber; but Tonita, worried because she knew Trenwyck had followed them so successfully from the Preston mansion, could not sleep.

The flickering light of the great conflagration beat upon the outer walls of the tent; and in this light, reflected on the canvas, she saw a figure—a man's shadow. Her heart leaped into her throat and almost choked her. The shadow moved stealthily along the tent wall, pausing again and again. Several times the frightened girl was on the point of crying out, but each time she smothered her fears, not wishing to disturb Beryl.

Could that shadow be cast by the form of Trenwyck? Had he succeeded in following them, even there? If so, how had he got through the cordon drawn about the encampment by the soldiers?

Presently the shadow left the tent wall and hovered around the end of the structure. Silently as a gliding serpent it approached the opening. Then, just as a wild scream was on Tonita's lips, a vigilant guard shouted:

"Come out of there! Come out, I say, or I'll fire!"

A muttered imprecation struck on the girl's ears. The form started to run, and the sudden report of a rifle echoed out. No cry followed the shot—merely the hurry of running feet, dying away into silence.

No one in the camp seemed to have been aroused; certainly no one in the tent took notice of the shot, other than Tonita. The other occupants slept peacefully on, and Beryl slumbered dreamlessly in her friend's arms.

Tonita was reassured. Certainly the wretched, homeless people were vigilantly guarded by those brave soldier boys. As the Mexican's fears gradually passed away, sleep came to her own tired eyes.

## CHAPTER XXV.

### THE TOTTERING WALL.

Beryl started out of her refreshing slumber into the light of morning. She sat up, bewildered and confused, grappling with the mystery of her presence in the tent, wondering at the babel of sound that reached her from without, trying to piece together the links in that dread chain of events.

At last a wave of recollection rolled over her. She remembered the visit to the stately home on Nob Hill, the pursuit by Trenwyck, the kindness of the soldier, and the refuge to which he had led her and Tonita.

Beryl turned to speak to her friend, but found the tent empty, save for herself. Tossed, disordered blankets covered the ground, but Beryl was the only one in that rude shelter. A pang of fear shot through her heart.

"Tonita! Tonita!" she called, struggling to her feet and out into the open.

Wretched people were all around her, many of them but half clad, and some wearing the poorest of garments. The heaps of luggage, with which she was already so familiar, were to be seen in every conceivable place. Sewing machines, dressers, chairs, trunks formed the nucleus of each poor heap of belongings, and among these the old and young, the delicate woman and the strong man, were sitting and eating the rations distributed by the government.

The morning light was darkened by the smoke pall. The sun could only be seen at intervals when it broke, like a ghostly, blood-red ball, through the awesome haze. Already the fire had touched that part of the city—lightly, however, for the demon had been fought with dynamite and with some success.

Across from the small park, and half a block below, was the great, tottering front wall of an apartment house. Back of the wall was only a mass of smoldering ruins, and the wall itself swayed back and forth with a wavy motion, threatening to fall at any moment. It might drop into the street, or inward upon its own foundations. The ever-present soldiers patrolled each end of the block to warn people away.

Beryl gazed with awe at the great, fluttering mass of masonry, then turned to observe another spectacle of a different sort. A huge army wagon was drawn up at one side of the square. On the seat with the driver sat an officer with a drawn revolver; on the ground, beside the wagon, stretched a file of men and women with baskets and pitchers, receiving water and food from men in the rear of the wagon.

A cry of joy escaped Beryl's lips when she recognized Tonita in the line, waiting to receive her own portion of fare. The Mexican, gazing toward her friend, waved one hand encouragingly.

In a little while Tonita had received her store of water and food, and came hastily back to her friend.

"See, darling!" she cried, displaying a cracked pitcher half full of water and a tin dish containing bread and canned meat, "a woman loaned me the pitcher and the basin, and the good soldiers have supplied us with our breakfast. We shall do very well indeed, querida. A sound night's rest and a morning meal will make us feel like different persons."

"You are always thoughtful, Tonita," said Beryl gratefully. "It must have tired you to stand so long in line. Why did you not wake me?"

"I felt that you should have all the rest that you could get, dearest," answered the unselfish Mexican, setting the food and water on the trampled grass. "Come; sit before me, and I will comb that bonny golden hair of yours with one of my side combs, and we will do what little we may to make ourselves presentable."

Something of the Mexican's enforced gaiety was imparted to her friend, and soon they were eating their rude fare with a hearty relish.

"Do you know what I have heard this morning, dear?" queried Tonita, sadness creeping into her voice. "Stanford University has been wrecked and ruined; and Manuel, my faithful caballero, I do not know whether he escaped or not."

"My dearest Tonita!" murmured Beryl sympathetically. "And you can be so brave even with that fearful uncertainty before you."

"'Tis better to keep up a good heart, darling," returned the girl, albeit her lips quivered as she spoke the cheerful words. Then, as they finished their meal and drew away, she sang softly:

"Oh, sing the song we loved, love,  
When all life seemed one song;  
For life is none too long, love—"

The words died away on her soft lips, and she turned her face that Beryl might not see her gathering tears. Silently, sympathetically, Beryl clasped her friend's hand. Their hearts went out to each other, in that sad, lonely moment, as never before.

"Let us not give way," said Tonita bravely, drying her eyes. "Our own trials and misfortunes seem so insignificant when compared with the woe that has fallen upon so many. All Santa Clara Valley, I heard, has suffered from the earthquake. Not so much as San Francisco, for here the fire is adding its horrors; but, where there is so much sorrow, why should we not be like so many others, and bear up with a good spirit? The saints will protect and defend us, and, if it is their will, we shall meet our loved ones again."

While they sat talking, they were brought to their feet by a shout from one of the soldiers on guard before the swaying wall of the burned apartment house. As the two girls could see, being in the rank of refugees nearest to that side of the park, an automobile had rushed out into the street, heading into the danger that threatened from the swaying masonry. There were two persons in the automobile—a man on the front seat and a woman on the seat behind. Trunks and satchels were piled about them.

"Why!" cried Beryl, quick to recognize the two figures in the automobile, "one of them is—is—"

"One of them," spoke up Tonita cuttingly, "is the cruel woman we met last evening. She has been obliged to flee, like the rest of us. What good is her money to her now? They will not get far in that vehicle, for the soldiers will take it away from them. Ah, I love to see the pride of such people humbled!"

Tonita's fiery words were unheeded by her friend. Beryl, gazing as though spellbound, watched Arthur Preston continue his onward dash in disregard of the soldier's warning that he was going into peril. Perhaps the man in the automobile did not understand; in view of what quickly happened, it would seem that the meaning of the soldier's words had not been understood.

"Look!" whispered Beryl, running forward a few steps in her excitement. "There is another automobile with soldiers coming from around the corner."

A warning was called to the second car. "Red Cross!" flung back the driver of that machine, and the soldiers fell back, merely pointing toward the tottering wall.

A collision between the two cars, coming from opposite directions, and with the menacing wall between them, seemed inevitable. A deep silence settled over the people who were watching. Not a cry went up because of a threatened calamity; every beholding eye had looked upon so many accidents that it had become inured to such spectacles.

A shout went up from the driver of the Red Cross car, when, doubling around the corner of the wall, he saw the other vehicle approaching. The driver of each car flung himself desperately upon the steering wheel. Presence of mind averted a head-on collision, the Red Cross automobile scurrying across the front of the Preston car; but the front wheels of the latter machine jolted heavily against the rear wheels of the former. There was merely a tremendous jar, and the cars rushed onward.

"The wall! The wall!" shouted the men in the Red Cross car.

Arthur Preston gazed up at the tottering mass lowering over him. The wall had stood there for hours, swaying on its foundations; would it, by some uncanny working of fate, fall in that supreme moment?

Then, while all eyes appeared to be following the rapidly separating automobiles, Beryl saw something that had apparently escaped the other. Mrs. Preston had been thrown from her seat,

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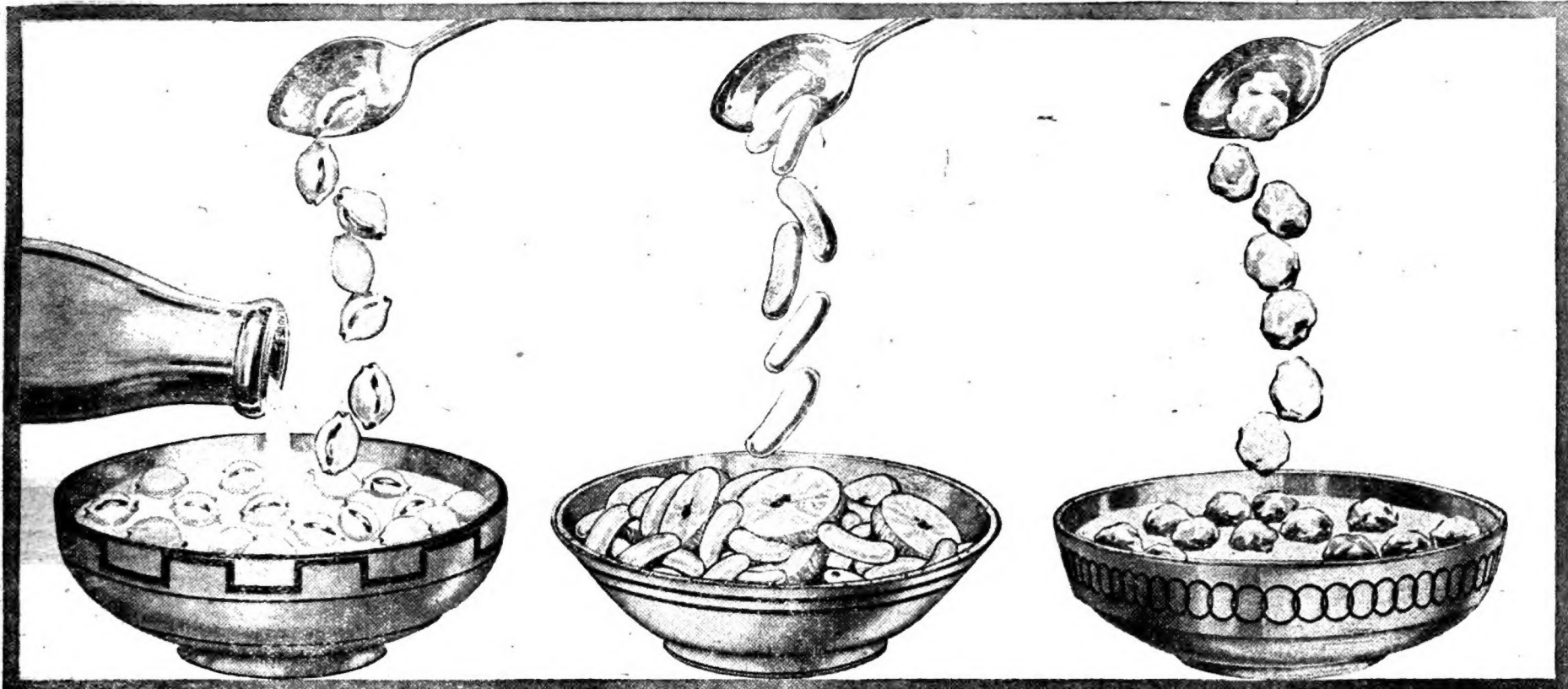
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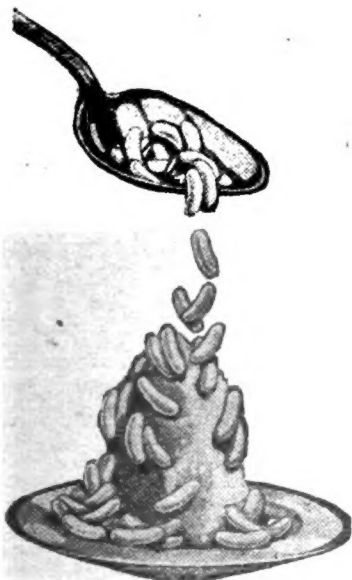
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# Cubby Bear and the Bird Concert

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**B**ILLY Bluejay, Redtop Woodpecker and Wise Owl were talking together earnestly one day in early spring, when Cubby Bear came upon them.

"Shall we tell Cubby about it?" asked Redtop.

"Yes," answered Wise Owl, "I have about decided to invite all the animals (excepting Sammie Skunk, of course); that is, all who will promise to be good, and not frighten the birds who are strangers."

"Oh, what do you mean?" asked Cubby, interested at once.

"It is spring," said Billy Bluejay, "and we birds who stay in the north all winter are planning on a real jubilee when all the other birds have come back from the south. We shall make ourselves a welcome committee, meet them as they come, one by one, and invite them to help in our concert, which we shall give as soon as everyone is here."

"Shinyblack Crow has been here for some time," said Cubby Bear, "and only a few days ago I saw Robbie Reddie."

"Yes, and I saw a wedge-shaped flock of wild geese flying wild overhead this morning," said Redtop, "but they would not be a help in our concert."

Chirpy Chipmunk joined the group, and was told about the birds' plan.

"That is good!" said Little Chirpy. "I wish I might do something to help."

"Oh, this is to be a birds' affair," said Wise Owl. "We do not need your help, but you may be one of the audience. We mean to have some distinguished guests here if they will come. Robbie Reddie has promised to look them up, and invite them as politely as possible."

"Who will they be?" asked Cubby.

"Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal, and if possible the Mockingbird, though he seldom comes as far north as this. He would not dare to be caught in a storm here, even in May, for fear that his throat might be injured, and spoil his wonderful voice."

"Be sure to let me know when the concert is to be," said Cubby. "I would not want to miss it."

"I shall write the invitations on white birch bark, and send them around as soon as we decide on the day," Wise Owl promised.

A few days later Chirpy Chipmunk came to Mamma Bruin's house, brimming over with excitement. "Oh, Cubby Bear!" he cried, "I have thought of a way to help the birds with their concert! Come and help me find Wise Owl, so I can tell him."

They started at once.

"What can you do?" asked Cubby.

"Why, there must be a banquet, of course," said Chirpy. "The birds will want something nice to eat after giving their concert. And there is not much to be found now, so early in the season, to feed all their fine guests."

"That is so," agreed Cubby.

"Last fall," Chirpy hurried on, "I laid in a large store of food, more than I ever had before—more than I could eat—and my underground storerooms still hold quantities of seeds and grain, which the birds would like. I will give them, and you shall help pass them around, if Wise Owl says we may."

"Oh, that is good of you!" said Cubby admiringly. "Racky Coon has a nice basket, and I am sure he will lend it to us to hold the things."

As they drew near to Wise Owl's hollow tree, they heard a noise which puzzled them.

"There is Redtop Woodpecker," said Chirpy. "We will ask him what it is."

"Why, that," explained Redtop, "is our jazz band. I don't like it myself, but Wise Owl says it is very stylish, so we must have it. I only hope it will not drive our audience away."

"But what bird could make a noise like that?" asked Cubby, listening to the harsh, discordant sounds.

"No one bird could," said Redtop; "it is a dozen or more Purple Grackles. They are rehearsing for the concert."

The birds were delighted with Little Chirpy's offer, and were loud in their thanks.

"We will give you a seat of honor at the concert," they told him. "You and Cubby Bear, who will help you to serve the refreshments. You remember the great willow tree, with wide-spreading branches, which grows by the Big Brook, a mile or so below here? Well, that is where we shall give the concert. There is one great, broad branch which we shall use for the stage. We plan to have the animals down on the ground, but you and Cubby shall be up in the tree, with the birds."

Cubby and Chirpy hurried back home to tell Mamma Bruin the glad news.

Rehearsals went gaily on, filling the Pleasant Forest with bird songs through all the mild spring weather, and at last, on a morning in May, came the grand concert.

All roads through the forest led, that morning, to the great willow tree, whose leaves were now a tender, beautiful green; and birds and animals of every sort flocked to the spot.

Cubby Bear, his face one broad smile of happiness, sat on a bough of the tree which reached across Big Brook. He balanced carefully beside him Racky Coon's prettiest basket, filled with the good things Chirpy Chipmunk had provided, and little Chirpy was perched on the other side of the basket, his tawny tail rising like a plume behind him.

Shinyblack Crow, every feather preened and glossy, flew here and there, calling the birds together with his loud "Caw, caw!"

Mr. Wise Owl stood silently on a limb of the

willow, sedate and dignified, staring through his colored glasses at the gathering throng.

The animals were seated on the ground and on logs and stones, eager for the concert to begin. Some of them looked up enviously at Cubby Bear and Chirpy Chipmunk in the tree.

The Purple Grackles' jazz band was the opening number on the program. "If we must have it," Redtop Woodpecker had said, "let it come first, to be over with the sooner!" Their creaky, grating cries were not musical, but the noise

"Cheo, cheo, cheo!" over and over and over. Of course with such a brilliant prelude, a wonderful song was expected, but "Cheo, cheo!" was all Mr. Cardinal could sing. However, he was much applauded.

The Hermit Thrush, a shy bird, would not come in sight of his listeners, but gave a song of wonderful sweetness from a shady thicket.

The Yellow Warbler warbled sweetly, and all the other warblers joined him in a rollicking chorus. Blue-winged Warbler, Hooded Warbler,

Bluebird, Meadow Lark, Goldfinch, Bobolink, Purple Finch and Brown Thrasher delighted everyone with their sweet melodies.

The Scarlet Tanager, too, was a pleasing songster, but Chirpy whispered to Cubby Bear, "I like our own Robbie Reddie better."

At the conclusion of the concert, the Catbird flew to the stage, though he had not been invited to sing.

"Shoo him away!" said Wise Owl indignantly to Shinyblack Crow.

"No," answered Shinyblack, "let us see what he means to do. He can mimic them all."

The Catbird gave a few dismal squawks, like a frightened kitten.

"What's he trying to do, any way? With a voice like that!" exclaimed Scarlet Tanager, with a flirt of his wings.

Then Catbird whistled clearly, "Cheo, cheo, cheo!"

Mr. Cardinal looked around for another Cardinal bird, but decided the call was made by this sober-coated Catbird.

Ready for action now, Catbird raised his head, opened his bill, and poured from his slender throat a most surprising burst of melody. Every warble, chant, carol, chirp, purr, quaver, trill, and twitter that had gone before, were in his song—a perfect repetition of the whole concert.

Then such a cheering followed as had not been heard before.

"We do not care now that the southern Mockingbird could not be here today," said Shinyblack Crow. "Our northern Catbird is all we need."

"I never heard him sing like that before," was heard on all sides.

Cubby Bear had been listening in wonder to the Catbird's song, and when it was finished clapped his paws and laughed in joyous applause, quite forgetting for the moment the basket he had been so carefully guarding.

It rocked, slid and fell.

A shriek from Chirpy Chipmunk made Cubby look around.

Making a lunge to catch at the falling basket, Cubby, too, lost his balance, and followed the basket into the cold waters of Big Brook, which were swollen with springtime rains and melting snow.

He made a tremendous splash, then scrambling to his feet, dashed after the basket, which was already floating away.

Alas, the basket had turned upside down in falling, and the birds' banquet, which little Chirpy had so generously given from his storehouse, was hopelessly scattered.

The animals crowded the banks, dismay on every face. Some of the birds flew down and rescued a seed here and there.

Poor Chirpy wept openly.

There was no banquet left to serve. "And with the grand Cardinals here, too!" mourned Redtop Woodpecker.

Poor Cubby Bear was covered with confusion and distress. He had been so happy, and now everybody would blame him for spoiling the whole affair. He crawled up on the bank, and shook the cold water from his coat.

"I am sorry!" he said sadly.

Then little Chickadee Chirruppe came forward with an announcement to make, and the day was saved.

"Chickadee, dee, dee, dee! Come, listen to me,"

he called. "I can tell you of a place where a feast is always spread, ready for any bird, for all the birds, to eat freely. I have had no hungry days through the past winter. If you will wait for just a little while, I will go quickly and see if enough is there now for our concert singers and visitors."

He darted away, his little black cap headed toward the farm.

"Do you know what he means?" Wise Owl asked Redtop Woodpecker.

"No," was the answer, but Billy Bluejay said, "I do. I have feasted there many a day myself. The farm children made a feeding table for the birds near the house, and all the winter and spring have kept it covered with bits of sweet grain and crumbs."

They had not long to wait for Chickadee's return.

"Yes, yes," he said. "All is ready; follow me. The table is covered with good things to eat, and the children were watching me from a window. How glad they will be to see so many of us! If there is not enough food for all of us, they will bring more. They like to have us come, for they know we are a help to the farmer, destroying so many insects that spoil the flowers, and fruits and vegetables. And after we have had our feast, we can pay them for their kindness by giving another concert."

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CUBBY BEAR, HIS FACE ONE BROAD SMILE OF HAPPINESS, SAT ON A BOUGH OF THE TREE.

was loud enough to be heard a long distance, and call any belated straggler to the scene.

Robbie Reddie, his red vest glowing in the sunlight, carolled a springtime song in his own joyous fashion.

Then the whisper went around, "Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal are coming!"

Shinyblack Crow appeared, sailing along on his broad wings, and after him came the distinguished visitors.

Mr. Cardinal was a large bird, grand enough in manner, and gorgeous enough in color to impress all who saw him with wonder. Mrs. Cardinal was less showy than her husband, and quietly took the place shown her in the tree, seeming not to expect any notice. But Mr. Cardinal, not waiting to be announced, took his stand in the center of the stage, and, head held high, poured forth his strong, rich whistle.

Magnolia Warbler, and others of their cousins were there, gaily dressed, and showing a surprising variety of colors.

Little Chickadee Chirruppe gave an acrobatic performance, swinging head downward from a twig of the willow tree, and showing skill and daring in many odd performances.

Next, the Nuthatch ran head-first down the tree trunk, going with wonderful swiftness, yet never missing his foothold; while at the same time the Brown Creeper climbed rapidly up the tree, circling around and around in dizzying spirals.

The Song Sparrow's name was down on the program for each of his fourteen different songs. Some of the audience grew restless seeing him come forward so many times, but his cousins, English Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow and all the others, listened admiringly and applauded their relative with shrill chirpings.

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THE League of Woman Voters which met in Chicago last February passed two resolutions, both of which vitally affect the future of this nation and one of which vitally affects all humanity. The first resolution was in favor of the League of Nations, which has been approved by 18,000 ministers and numerous other organizations working for peace and world betterment. The second was a determined opposition to any sort of universal military training. The position the women took on these matters showed a wonderful lack of vision and sound common sense, for they can't have a League of Nations, which, for years at least, will have to deal with problems bristling with racial dynamite and national discord, unless they have military power to enforce the League's mandates. Do they expect the sons of European mothers, of nations already bled white and practically bankrupt, to do all the enforcing and fighting, while they coddle their sons and revel in that brand of fool pacifism which always reacts with terrible effect on the puerile dreamers who indulge in it? We get nothing in this world by merely wishing for it. If we want universal peace, we must work for it, if necessary, fight for it. Life is a struggle and the more we struggle the more we shall grow and achieve, and only by growth and achievement shall we reach the goal of universal fraternity, peace and good-will.

I know you are heart and soul behind every effort to do to old King War what you have done to old King Booze. You'd like to put them both in the same grave and so would I. Time and again men have attempted by leagues and alliances to preserve peace and so far have failed. Some pinheads take the stand that because history is strewn with the wrecks of these leagues and alliances, we should make no more effort in that direction. But there is one saving and divine grace in the nature of all who are human beings and not beans, and that is that failure in a good cause (and I take it for granted there is no greater or more sublime cause than keeping peace and preserving mankind and womankind from the horrors, miseries and devilities of war) only spurs men to renewed effort. Look how long you women took to get a vote, and think how many years it took you to down old King Booze, but you did it. Now you have another and more terrific fight, and you will not quit until the hell hounds of war are also laid in the dust. It is not in God's purpose that we shall quit until war is banished from the earth. We must face this thing, not in any petty, partisan or fool pacifist spirit, but with the zeal of the crusader, and give the democratic, peace-loving nations of the earth our moral support (and if civilization was threatened as it recently was, possibly something more substantial) until war, which is hell, is driven forever from this planet. It is a big order, but what the men can't or won't do, the women will.

There is one vital fact that those who write about this and all other similar efforts to preserve world peace entirely overlook. Man has progressed along scientific and inventive lines to such an extraordinary degree that he has become, in all material things, a very giant and a very dangerous giant at that. The spiritual side of man's nature has not, except in a very small degree, begun to keep pace with the material. Thus one half of man is over-developed, the other half, atrophied by millions of years of bloodshed, greed, animalism and selfishness, is undeveloped. Thus we have not a real man as God would have men be, but a human sliver running on two wheels instead of four. Man is lopsided and must go into dry-dock and have his cargo trimmed and be put on an even keel, otherwise the material and murderous side of him will destroy the spiritual and he will perish by his own hands, fall a victim to the terrible and terrific forces his marvelous but badly-balanced genius have unleashed. Man has developed more scientifically and materially in the last thirty years than in all the millions of years he has inhabited this planet. Spiritually, however, he has advanced but little. Only in war does he show by his heroism and sacrifice the grandeur and greatness that is in him. But directly war is over and the fever of battle is passed, our hero flops back into his old ruts of selfishness and ugliness and thus bears out the contention of the cynic that a hero in war is a jackass in peace.

Now we cannot afford to fill the world full of blood and agony to give men a chance to die heroically. What we want them to do is to live heroically at all times; and, too, we cannot afford to turn the world over to human jackasses or permit the gains of the few to be used for the destruction of the many. Man will keep on warring and killing until he is humanized and civilized by the spiritual forces of society and it is you good women, who largely control those forces, who must put them into effect or mankind will perish from the earth. You will say man never had a chance. Man has had chances, many of them, but dread, fear, suspicion and false counsel have always switched him onto the wrong track and off he has gone with bleeding feet up another blind alley, learning nothing from the bitter experience of thousands of years of misery and suffering. The time has come, however, when man will no longer permit the timid to scare him, the heartless to bleed him, or the unscrupulous to mislead him. The finger of Time points to the broad Highway of Peace. The blind alleys of war and despair must be closed forever and it is you women who suffer most from war who have a right to demand that it shall cease. Science has annihilated space. If you doubt this, note that the Atlantic has been crossed in a few hours and that four men in an airplane have flown from England to Australia, and man has made the world so small that we can't move without falling over each other. There is no isolated spot to which decent folk can retire when the dogs of war are unleashed, and live in peace and security. Do not be lulled by Atlantic and Pacific Oceans into any sense of false security, for, though these oceans exist on the map, science has demolished them and we are today, for good or ill, whether we like it or not, one big and very quarrelsome family, and men have got to be devised for keeping the family in order so that its decent members can live out their lives in peace and be protected from the turbulent and lawless. The old world is a thing of the past and the standpatters and reactionaries cannot resurrect it. Now it is up to you to decide what kind of a world this is to be. It will not be a better, but an infinitely worse world, unless you

use all the power at your command to spiritualize it and keep it clean and wholesome. Remember, we have outgrown old methods and old ways of doing things. If no effort is to be made to end big wars first and all wars later, then why live at all? For with the menace of war ever hovering over us and every war breeding new forms of plague and pestilence, what, I say, is the good of it all? And why should we submit and ask our children and children's children to submit to all these horrors when it is in our power to stop this reign of Satan and let the Christ come in?

But if your new world is to be a success you must be intensely practical as well as idealistic. You've got to see the coal hole at your feet or you will never reach the mountain peaks beyond. All sorts of traps will be placed in your path, every means devised to scare you, and you will have to suffer and endure before you will have the world you want. We rejoice in the Christmas covers we see on our magazines and prattle about peace on earth, good-will to men, Glory to God in the Highest, etc., then we plan to surround ourselves and country with a stone fence of selfishness, crawl into a hole like a prairie dog and by that act admit that our belief in a God and Jesus Christ His Son, the Prince of Peace, was all humbug and hypocrisy.

We cannot, however, rear a temple of peace on a foundation of piffing pacifism and sloppy sentimentality. We must be ready to fight for peace with the same grim determination that we wage war. Now how can we have peace? Never by hog isolation. We have all got to get together and talk things over and even if selfish and conflicting interests cause contention and bad feeling, we must still stick together, and after a time we shall get to know each other better, for the trouble with men is not so much that their interests differ as that they lack the desire to understand and know each other. With understanding and knowledge, contention and strife will gradually disappear, friction will wear smooth the rough edges of our high and noble purpose, and then some day when cant, fear, hate, hypocrisy and selfishness are buried, men, gathered from all parts of the earth round the council table of the nations, will grasp each other's hands, look into each other's eyes and say: "Brother, what in thunder have we been fighting and scrapping for all through the ages? God did not want us to do it; it broke His heart to see us do it. Now, thank Heaven, the horrors of the bloody past are forever over and together we can walk the paths of universal fraternity in peace and content."

This is the end for which you must strive, this is the ideal you must cherish in your bosoms no matter how distant the goal or how hard the road. But to get rid of the devil, you have got to use some of the tools of the devil. It is paradoxical, but none the less true, that you cannot have peace as conditions are at present, unless you are willing to fight for it. That is why you have policemen in your city and all the machinery of the law to protect you. Without that protection, your homes would be raided and your lives snuffed out. So if you want a United States safe and secure from invasion and insist on an association of nations or something similar to the Hague Conference, which failed because it had no teeth, just as your dog would fall to scare away the tramps if he were toothless, you've got to have force behind it. Not aggressive, imperialistic force but the force of righteousness, for force is the only thing that the lawless respect. It was the utter lack of any real military force in Great Britain and the U. S. that emboldened the Kaiser to embark on his mad scheme of world conquest. It was the efforts of fool pacifists in the late war that came within an ace of wrecking civilization and handing us over to the military despotism of Prussia. We have taught men that it pays to be sober; we must get together and make the world realize that it pays to be peaceful, and then the nations won't need a universal policeman to make them behave. Humanity has come to the parting of the ways, has come to that point where it must forever stand armed to the teeth and confess that it is a vile, hateful thing, or follow in the footsteps of the Savior and be really humane and truly Christlike. In this period of reconstruction, which will last for a considerable time, we must be prepared for all emergencies. We cannot have what we seek by being either fool pacifists or brutal militarists, but we can have what we want if we recognize our obligations to our country and to mankind; realize that owing to our great heritage of wealth and strength we must bear our share of the burdens of our common humanity. If you did not want to undertake those burdens, then you had no right, you good women, to vote for any League of Nations, for those who enter into Leagues must be prepared, if they want them, to function and usher in the peaceful world they dream of, to be ready to sacrifice and, if necessary, die for their principles and ideals. Weakness invites aggression; strength repels it. Only as you are strong can you accomplish anything. Youth must have discipline and learn to respect authority, and neither of these fundamental principles of right living and good citizenship are instilled into the minds of our youth today, either in the home or in school. Hence, hog selfishness, crime, indifference to the public weal, lax morals or no morals at all, abound and love of luxury, pleasure, ease and hatred of work and contempt for law threaten our whole national fabric with ruin and decay.

Thousands of American mothers are breaking their hearts today because fifty thousand of their sons perished during the late war, and they perished because many of these same mothers did not believe in preparedness. Fifty per cent of the men who were enlisted during the late war, after seeing a little service in the draft battalions were pronounced physically unfit and were not available for military duty. Here are Senator Chamberlain's seven economic and social reasons for the adoption of universal military training, which should not be called training for war but training for citizenship, manhood and fatherhood: (1) Physical and consequently mental development, because there can be no strong mind in a physically defective body. (2) Discipline, very much needed in this day and generation. (3) The inculcation of patriotism and the love of the flag. (4) The Americanization of the different elements which compose American life. (5) Democratization of our youth, making the rich and poor learn, shoulder to shoulder, to perform our country's service when needed. (6) Vocational training fitting the man to do the things



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The one thing that fills my weary soul with joy is that you women have made up your minds that war has got to go just as booze has got to go. Every scheme that is invented to make it go, however, will meet with ferocious opposition by those reactionaries who see in every effort to better conditions, evils and dangers that exist in stage-coach minds that can only look backward. But the backward trail is a trail of blood and most men and nearly all women are agreed that that trail shall be trodden no longer, for a few more steps on that loathsome path will plunge us all over the precipice of eternal ruin. So go ahead, you good women, and fight the hell hounds of war unto the death; fight them, if necessary, with their own weapons, and may the Lord God of Hosts be with you and give you victory.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:  
I am a brown eyed, brown haired girl of sixteen. In summer I live on a farm but in the winter I stay in town to be close to school. I've been separated from my parents for over eight years and do not know whether they are living or not. I am living with a fine family but of course it is not like being with one's own folks. I had two brothers in the war but don't know if they returned home or not. I am in the eighth grade and hope to graduate from the common school this winter. I have always had the ambition to travel,

but never knew how I could manage it. What do you think about the acts of Mexico in kidnapping our agents? I think they had better look out or they will get what they need. I would be glad to have the cousins write me.

Lovingly your niece and cousin, EVA WILKERSON.

Eva, I hope some day you will find your parents. It seems to me that something must have happened to them, otherwise they would have found you. You are lucky to be living with a fine family and I advise you to stick to them. What is the matter with your brothers that they do not communicate with you or you with them? If your brothers are as bright and write as well as you do, it seems to me they are missing a whole lot of pleasure and must be strangely lacking in natural affection or they would keep in touch with you. As regards your ambition to travel, let me advise you, if you are wise, to stay right at home where you can get free board and free eats and free clothes. If, however, the wanderlust has got the best of you and you want to indulge in the joyous abandon of bumping the bumps over our broken-down railroads, just save up a thousand dollars, buy a ticket for the nearest town, which will cost you about half of your thousand, and then, hungry, sore, travel-stained and weary, go into a restaurant when you get to your destination, and order a bowl of soup and that will use up the other five hundred. Then with a sad heart and sore feet you can hit the trail for home. That will cure you of your wanderlust. Eva, I cannot thrash out the Mexican question in the limited space at my disposal, but I may say that the acts of Mexico are not quite so exalted or spiritually inspiring as the Acts of the Apostles. You say "the Mexicans had better look out or they will get what they need." Of course, what they need, and what most of us need, is civilization and education. What, however, a good many of them want, or at least those who live in the neighborhood of the border, is a good spanking. Of course, I don't blame the Mexicans for kidnapping our agents, if they were book agents, as they probably were. Mexico needs education and books, and possibly that is why she swiped the agents. We shan't go to war with Mexico because Mr. Jenkins was kidnapped, or because, as the Red propagandists say, he kidnapped himself. A few Jenkinses more or less do not matter, but heaven help the Mexicans if they ever kidnap a Dooley or a Murphy, for if they do no barricade of whisks will ever protect Carranza from a trouncing. If a general is needed, William Randolph Hearst will lead the army. Mr. Hearst would like to force us into war with Mexico where he has quite some ranch, and also he would like to plunge us into war with Britain, which would embroil our good neighbor, Canada, and possibly involve us in war with Japan. After years of study and observation, I have come to the conclusion that the things that Mr. Hearst wants are the very things that the American people do not want. American citizens, however, in Mexico and all over the world, must be protected. Mexicans regard us with contempt and kill Americans with impunity. We have coddled them so much they think they can do as they like with us. They took mighty good care, however, in the past, not to kill a Britisher or a German, and, too, they were rabidly pro-German all through the war. It is hard to punish a whole people, most of them poor, ignorant, exploited and half-civilized, for the misdeeds of their fatuous, arrogant rulers on the one hand and their murderous banditti on the other. Mexico, if left alone, may find herself eventually, but in the process of evolution she must restrain her marauding and murderous subjects from raiding our territory and slaughtering our citizens. If she does not do that she will get into trouble. A prominent American, writing from the City of

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# The Pretty Girls' Club

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## Choosing Curves

SOME long time ago a wise man said that the curved line was the line of beauty. By which he meant, my dears, that angles were not pretty—whether in elbows, sharp shoulder-blades, pointed chins, or other less personal connections. But there are some limitations which I wish he had added to his statement for the benefit of the twentieth-century young girl. When I walk down the boulevard and see waists slinking in in front and shoulders hunched forward in an attempt at languid elegance, while the spine describes a curve like Robin Hood's bow, I feel tempted to say a word in favor of straight lines! What do you suppose is going to happen to all the youthful lungs which are shut up in the narrow chests such attitudes produce? Lungs have to have room to expand. Take a large sponge in your hand and partly close the hand. How much water do you suppose that sponge could hold under such conditions? Then open the hand generously and see the sponge expand. Our lungs are like sponges. They can be contracted and expanded. And if the chest walls are drawn in so that they crowd the lungs, that means that less air can be held, and less air means less purification of the blood, for it is the air which we take into our lungs which cleans house for us—sweeps the impurities out of our blood and makes us new every minute. Imagine the result when the lungs are so crowded that the air can only fill a certain number of cells.

I wish you'd all think about this and make up your minds to give your lungs all the room they can possibly fill. The only way you can do this is by standing straight and throwing the chest up a little, while dropping the shoulders. Deep breathing will not only strengthen the lungs but increase their capacity, so practice deep breathing at least twice a day, and as you walk to and from school, market, your friends' houses, breathe in as much air with every breath as you possibly can.

Did you know that when you feel a little chilled, which may mean the beginning of a hard cold, you can often warm the entire body and drive away the cold, by standing still and breathing to your very toes—to exaggerate a little—for a few minutes? Try it.

Incidentally, let me remind you that anything which increases your chest measurement will increase the apparent size of your bust, and from the hundreds of letters I receive asking for a few more inches bust measure, I imagine this will be good news to many of my girls. So, breathe deeply, stand and walk with chest up and out, and grow pretty and healthy at the same time.

## Answers to Questions

Mrs. F. S. R.—I am very sorry I cannot express an opinion as to any proprietary article. There are several reasons for this—first, no one person could possibly try every proprietary article on the market; but more important still, what accomplishes good results for one person may not accomplish the same good for another, conditions being different. And a general opinion, such as the opinion of any one person must be, is not a good guide in such matters. If your hair is slow of growth, I urge nightly scalp massage according to the directions printed many times, and quite lately, in COMFORT. The object of massage is to loosen the skin from the skull and so permit the blood to circulate more freely. Nourishment for the hair comes from the blood, so if you want your hair to grow, keep your skin loose on your skull, the scalp well shampooed, the hair gently brushed each night and left hanging loose to air, and then look to your diet. Eat nourishing foods three times a day but not between meals, and be sure to drink plenty of water.

Mrs. B. C. C.—For superfluous hair, it is peroxide of hydrogen that I recommend, and ammonia. I should



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try the ammonia the druggist gave you. If it proves too strong for your skin, irritating it, dilute it a little. However, some of the "toilet ammonias" are so diluted that they have not strength enough to kill the hair. Do not use the ammonia except on the particular hairy spot you wish to remove. Don't bother about the fine down which most of us have on our faces. It is better to leave it alone, and nobody on earth ever notices this. You may, of course, when you are facing a mirror and looking for defects, but if you will look carefully at the people you know you will find that many of them have considerable hair on their faces, and that you have never noticed it before. Don't attach too much importance to a little hair, though if there is some special spot, like the corners of the lips, where there is quite a little dark hair, it is the wise plan to remove it. The object of the peroxide is to bleach the hair—that of the ammonia to take the life out of it, killing it eventually. You say your hands are red and rough. Be very careful to rub your hands perfectly dry whenever you take them out of water. Careless wiping of hands is responsible for most of the chapped and red hands, and too much soap for practically all the rest of the trouble. You see, what soap does is to take off the surface skin. This exposes a softer skin; then if you take that off with more soap, and keep this process up, the skin is so tender that it chaps and reddens. You say you do your housework, but why not take as much care of your hands as possible? You can buy cotton household gloves to use for sweeping and dusting, and you can use a dishmop for a great portion of your dish-washing. Even an old stocking leg slipped over the hand helps to protect it when dusting, making beds, and doing all the other things about a house which roughen or soil the skin. And when your hands must be used in water, be sure to rinse them carefully so that no soap is left in the pores, and then dry thoroughly, especially rubbing the knuckles. Water in which bran has been boiled is good for washing the hands. And you should rub on some good hand lotion a couple of times a day—something that will be absorbed by the skin, not an ointment. One thing you should be careful about is extremes of temperature; for instance, if you take your hands out of very hot water, and go out into a cold shed, your hands will crack and roughen. Be more gradual; don't go from hot to cold, or from cold to hot without giving the hands time to get over their extreme of temperature. It is because of these things that your hands are rough and red in winter and not in summer. Here is a good lotion for whitening the hands:

## To Whiten the Hands

Elder-flower water, twelve ounces; glycerine, three fourths ounce; pulverized borax, three drams.

## Another Hand-Whitener

Another good lotion is as follows: Rosewater, four ounces; glycerine, one half ounce; pulverized borax, one half ounce; tincture of benzoin, one dram.

EVELYN.—How to darken your eyebrows and eyelashes? Buy an eyebrow pencil of your druggist. But, my dear, let me say a word. Unless your eyebrows are almost invisible, I shouldn't darken them, for they almost always show that they have been touched up. Try oiling them each night with a little olive oil, and brushing them from the nose toward the temple, following the line of a slight arch. Use an eyebrow brush—which won't cost you more than an eyebrow pencil, and looks like a baby's toothbrush. It is a good plan to wash the eyebrows in the morning, then brush them against the grain or toward the nose vigorously, and finally brush them back toward the temple in the way they should like. I think if you will keep this up for a few weeks, your eyebrows will have so improved that you will give up all idea of an eyebrow pencil—I hope so. As to the eyelashes, don't brush those, but do anoint the edges of the lids very gently at night with the warm olive oil. Be careful not to rub the eyes on waking in the morning, for this does more harm to the lashes than anything else. If the eyelids feel irritated at any time, instead of rubbing it, put a little oil on the finger-tip and gently anoint it.

MAYME.—Blackheads are nothing but little pores in the skin which have filled with dust—in other words, blackheads are specks of dirt lodged in the pores of the skin. The cure is to stimulate the skin to keep its pores active and to throw off all secretions for if the pores are careless about their work, the little secretions they contain catch the dust and become disgusting. Here is what I recommend: Every night before you go to bed, wash thoroughly in warm soapy water, with a washcloth or a complexion brush, then rinse many times, and finally use cool water for the last rinsing. This will help to close the pores. In the morning wash with warm water—very slightly warm—and not soap, and rinse in cold water. Try not to keep washing the face during the day. Wiping



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it off with a cool damp cloth will probably remove any dust which needs removing, but of course if it is dirty it must be washed. Pimples are often caused by clogged pores hardening and becoming inflamed, so keep your pores open.

CLELIA.—The best thing for superfluous hair is the peroxide and ammonia treatment—using the peroxide of hydrogen one day, and the ammonia the next, to dampen the hairy spot. This is a slow treatment and requires patience and persistence but it will accomplish the result in the long run. Of course, the electric needle is quicker and more satisfactory if you have a good operator, but unless you are where you can get this done by an expert, the peroxide and ammonia is the best home treatment of which I know.

LILLIE.—See answer to "Clelia."

SUNSHINE.—I am glad the exercises for reducing hips and legs are proving so successful for you. Your



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measurements seem very good, though according to strict rules your waist should be two inches larger—the waist is usually ten inches smaller than the bust, and bust and hips should have the same measurement. Now about those arms and shoulders.

## To Reduce Arms

To make fat arms smaller, grasp the upper left arm firmly with the right hand and push the flesh toward the left as far as possible on the arm bone. Then grasp the arm again just below the point of the first grip and push the flesh in a similar manner. This is like a wringing motion, and you should go over the upper arm—the lower arm, too, if that is over-fat—a number of times with this motion. Repeat twice a day, treating first the left and then the right arm.

## To Reduce Shoulder

Standing erect, raise arms on a level with the shoulders, and extend out in front, back of hand to back of hand. Now throw the arms back as if you were trying to make them meet in the middle of the back. Do not let them fall below the shoulder line, and as you make this vigorous motion, inhale. Then bring the arms back to the front again, exhaling as you do so, and repeat the movement.

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## His Heart's Queen

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ting erect and regarding Violet with amazement. "You have been locked up for three or four weeks, and in this part of the city? Who locked you up?"

"Wilhelm," said Violet, thinking it best to come to the point at once.

"What?"

"Yes, your husband—Wilhelm Mencke."

"Mercy! Is he here in New York?" panted the astonished woman, growing pale at the announcement.

"Yes, and has been for many months—I first met him on the street one day last spring."

"How did he look—as if he were prosperous?" his wife questioned, eagerly.

"Not very—he asked me for money," said Violet.

"Faugh!" returned Mrs. Mencke, with an expression of disgust. "I hope you didn't give him any."

"Yes, a little. I hadn't the heart to refuse him as long as I had it."

"Well, I wouldn't have given him a dime, after he had spent a fortune for me as he has for you," was the spirited retort. "But," returning to the former subject, "what did he lock you up for?"

Violet related how she had been kidnapped, and her sister-listened to the recital with wondering interest.

"What could have been his object?" she questioned, when Violet concluded.

"He tried to make me think that it was for the reward that would be offered for me; but I have learned since that he had another object," she replied.

"Yes, of course he had—Wilhelm is a schemer," said his wife; "but what was it?"

Violet then told her about the paper that he had tried to make her sign, and also of the letter which she had found and read later.

"Aha!" exclaimed Mrs. Mencke, with considerable excitement, "so Jonas Huntington has turned up at last, and with a fortune, too! I have always thought it was very singular that we never heard anything about him. And he has left all his money to you," she concluded, with evident jealousy, a sneer curling her proud lip.

"I have told you all that I know about the matter, Belle," Violet answered, flushing at her sister's manner. "The letter simply spoke of the property that Jonas Huntington had left to Miss Violet Huntington, and stated that since I was not living, you were next of kin and Wilhelm could not claim the money, as it was evident he had tried to do, unless he could prove that you were also dead."

"I should think that Uncle Jonas might have divided it between us," Mrs. Mencke remarked, resentfully.

"You know that he named me, Belle, so I suppose that was his reason for his leaving it to me, and it may not be very much after all. But you shall not wait for anything—as soon as you get over this cold we will go to Cincinnati together—I will prove myself the heir and then you shall have a comfortable home," Violet returned, kindly and generously.

"All the same I think it was mean in Uncle Jonas to leave everything to you," was the sullen and unappreciative reply, and then she appeared to sink into a disagreeable reverie.

A few moments later there came a knock at the door.

"Hush!" whispered Mrs. Mencke, with a startled look. "I don't want any one to see you here, Violet—step back into the attic stairway while I go to the door."

Violet could not understand the need of so much secrecy, for of course she had a perfect right to visit her sister if she was so disposed; but she silently obeyed the command while Mrs. Mencke hastily slipped on a wrapper and then it proved to be only the woman who lived below and who occasionally brought her up a newspaper to read, when she was fortunate enough to have one herself.

Mrs. Mencke took the paper and thanked her; then closing the door again, carefully locked it, after which she called Violet from her place of concealment.

### CHAPTER XXXIII.

#### "IT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING TO ME."

"Have you had your supper, Violet?" Mrs. Mencke asked, as her sister sat down by the fire, looking somewhat pale and weary.

"No; but I am not hungry, Belle, and I think that I will go at once to Mr. Lawrence's. I know that he must have been terribly anxious about me all these weeks, and I want to relieve him as soon as possible from suspense."

A peculiar gleam shot into Mrs. Mencke's eyes at this.

"No, indeed, Violet, you must not go tonight; you are not in a very reputable portion of the city, and you could not get a block by yourself without being insulted. You must stay with me tonight—you are perfectly safe here—and take daylight to return to your Fifth Avenue prince."

Violet did not exactly like the tone her sister adopted, for there was a suspicion of a sneer in those last words. But she saw that she was right—she knew there would be danger in going out alone, and she might be miles from Fifth Avenue. A few hours could not make very much difference, so she decided to remain where she was.

Mrs. Mencke prepared some tea and toast for Violet, and after this humble repast had been eaten, they sat at the table for a long time.

Then Violet, at the urgent solicitation of her sister, undressed and went to bed. In less than fifteen minutes she was sleeping soundly; but Mrs. Mencke, drawing the light nearer the fire, sat down to read her newspaper.

It was not often that she had one, and now she greedily devoured its contents, beginning with the first page and reading every column. She did not even skip the advertisements, for she was always on the lookout for something to better her condition, and so, strangely enough, she finally came upon this personal:

WANTED.—To learn the whereabouts of Mrs. B. M. M., formerly of Cincinnati. She will learn something to her advantage if she will confer with W. M., No. 90 Street, New York City.

"Wilhelm put that in the paper, and he has some deep scheme in mind," Mrs. Mencke mused, a keen look leaping into her eyes. "Violet said he wanted to find me; it must be something about this property she has been telling me about and which he wants to get control of. Ah, I see his game now!" she added, with some excitement.

"He heard about this fortune and tried to find me, hoping to reap some benefit from the fact that I would inherit it, Violet being dead. Then he met Violet, and that seemed likely to upset all his plans, so he kidnapped her, intending to keep her out of sight until he could get track of me and through me the control of the money. He probably wants a third fortune to squander, like the other two; but my wisdom teeth are cut, fortunately, and whatever I may possess hereafter shall be at my exclusive disposal. I may need him, however, to help me in my plans, and I believe I will answer this advertisement. It is a shame that Jonas Huntington should have made Violet his sole heir—it isn't fair, and I shall not submit to such unjust partiality."

She bent a stealthy, vindictive look upon the sleeper on the bed, but the fair girl was oblivious of everything around her, and after pondering deeply for half an hour longer, she arose to get pen, ink and paper, and then wrote a brief note, which she sealed and directed to her husband at the address he had given in the advertisement.

This done, she burned the paper, then, muffling herself in a heavy shawl, she stole quietly from the room, taking her letter with her.

She was not absent more than ten minutes, and retired immediately upon her return.

The next morning, when Violet awoke, her first thought was of her recovered freedom, while all the anxiety and depression of the previous evening had disappeared.

The sun was shining cheerfully into the room, and she knew that the day was fair and bright.

Her spirits arose as she thought of going back to Mr. Lawrence within a few hours, and to the delightful home from which she had been so long absent.

Should she return to remain with him as his adopted daughter? The question had never been decided, and now, after her recent experience, it forced itself upon her with more of temptation than ever before.

It was very home-like and pleasant in his beautiful Fifth Avenue residence: it was delightful to be with one so kind and cultured, and now that there was a prospect of her having money of her own and she would not be dependent upon his bounty, she did not shrink so sensitively from giving him a parent's place in her regard, or from availing herself of his protection. It seemed more desirable than ever since Wilhelm's recent persecution.

Yes, she believed she should consent to the adoption; and having settled this important question, she began to plan what pleasant things she would do to make life enjoyable to her kind friend, and how much good she would try to do with the money that was coming to her.

But her attention was soon distracted from these pleasant musings by groans from her sister.

"What is the matter, Belle?" she inquired, anxiously.

"Oh, I'm afraid I'm worse this morning," was the plaintive reply.

"Worse? Did you take more cold last night?"

"Perhaps so. Won't you get up and fix me something warm to drink?" pleaded Mrs. Mencke, apparently in great distress.

Violet immediately arose and dressed herself, and, under her sister's directions, prepared something for her to take. But she appeared to gain no relief from the potion, for she continued to moan, and seemed very ill.

"You need a doctor, Belle," the young girl said.

"Yes, I do. I sent for one before you awoke—he will be here by and by."

"You sent for one before I awoke!" repeated Violet, in astonishment. "I did not know that you had been up. Why did you not call me and let me wait upon you?"

"I did not like to wake you, you seemed so tired last night and were sleeping so quietly. But you will not leave me until I am better, will you, Violet?" the woman continued craftily.

"Of course not," Violet responded unsuspiciously. "I will remain until you get relief; but I must write a note to Mr. Lawrence and tell him where I am—he shall not be kept in suspense any longer about me."

"Well, you will find paper, pens and ink on the mantel, and you can send it out by the doctor to be mailed," Mrs. Mencke replied, a peculiar smile curling her lips.

Violet sat down at once to write her note, telling Mr. Lawrence something of what had happened during the last three or four weeks, but saying she might not be able to leave her sister for a day or two if she should continue to be ill.

This occupied her longer than she had intended, it should; for she forgot herself while writing; but it was finished at last, and then she proceeded to get her sister and herself some breakfast.

Not being used to such work, it took her considerable time, and it was after nine o'clock when they partook of their meal.

Then Mrs. Mencke, pretending to be more comfortable, said she would have on her wrapper and sit up while Violet made her bed. This was done, and the room nearly put in order, when steps were heard ascending the stairs, and presently there came a knock upon the door.

"The doctor," said Violet, looking relieved, and hastened to let him in, when she suddenly found herself confronted by Wilhelm Mencke.

She uttered a low cry of dismay, then stood spellbound by terror for a moment, gazing at him with a wild, frightened stare.

The next she turned and faced her sister, all her spirit in arms, for she understood at once the treachery that had thus thrown her again into the power of her knavish brother-in-law.

"Belle," she cried indignantly, "you have betrayed me!"

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### Comfort's League of Cousins

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Mexico, asserts that it is a much safer place to live in than Chicago. Even if we admit the truth of this statement, and we must, it does not say much for Mexico. Chicago should change its name to Crime Center.

PLEASANT PLAIN, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am ten years old, four feet six in my stocking feet. I go to school and am in the fifth grade. I also go to Sunday School and church. I live on a farm near Marathon with my parents and three sisters. I have no brothers. Don't you think they have cheated me? I have driven the pony right along ever since I was six years old. I also have a dog we call Sport. He helps to keep the chickens out of the garden. I have an aunt that is a red cross nurse. She is stationed in Pennsylvania at present. I also have a cousin that served nine months over seas that is home now.

Your nephew, EARL SHAFFER.

Congratulations, Earl, on your dandy letter. So you are four feet six in your stocking feet. I am sorry to say that affords no definite indication as to your exact height. Since the dear, patriotic girls started knitting socks for their soldier boys and relatives (and I suppose you have been equally favored, Earl) it is a mere matter of conjecture as to just how tall a man may or may not be. I know a man who was six feet tall in his stocking feet, but when he took the stockings off he was only five feet. You see, his sister had knitted the stockings. Well, it is a good thing for a single young man to get all the wool he can on his feet for the chances are when he gets married he will have mighty little of it on his head—his wife will attend to that. With a prohibition country, however, men will have a better chance of retaining their hair as well as their equilibrium. Glad to know you go to Sunday school and church, Earl. Keep it up. In this age of atheism, anarchy and unrest, the future of this and all countries lies in the hands of those who have had Christian training. You ask if I don't think you have been cheated in being deprived of a brother. No, I don't think so, Earl, for you would probably have been more

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cheated if you had had one. Brothers, as a rule, take a particular delight in "cheating" one another. Think how glorious it must be to have three sisters, especially when they want (and they always want) to pull a hay rake through your hair and stuff your mouth and ears full of soap about every three minutes of the day and night. It seems to me you might give that poor pony a rest if you have been driving him right along ever since you were six years old. Now that the hired man wants six hundred dollars a month and board, it must save lots of money to have a helpful dog like Sport, which keeps a watchful eye on the chickens and never goes on strike. I am glad to know you have an aunt who is a Red Cross nurse. They are the noblest and most useful women on the face of the earth.

WAIT HILL, N.H.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a girl of eleven years have blue eyes and light hair and live on a farm six miles from town the farm is a hundred acres we have ten horses. Three cows. And about three hundred chickens I go to school and am in the fifth grade. Uncle Charlie I have got two sube and I want your story book Uncle I want to see my letter in the Feb paper and will you put the song in When Barney flew Over The hills to his Darling.

ZELLA MARTIN.

Zella, you have some highly original ideas regarding spelling and punctuation. But then, you are only a little girl and maybe your school, like so many others, is suffering from a shortage of efficient teachers. Magazines are not rushed into print over night as are the daily newspapers. We magazine contributors have to have our matter printed, then a copy of this matter, which is called proof, is sent to us to look over. The proof is returned to the editor and the process of arranging the pages and advertising has to be gone through. In fact, if you knew what a lot of work is involved in the getting out of a magazine, you would not write one month and expect your letter to appear in print the next. Zella, I do not possess a copy of that immortal old ballad, "When Barney Flew Over the Hills to His Darling," but doubtless some of our readers will be kind enough to see that you get what you want. In case, however, no one has a copy of this song on hand, you don't need to break your heart about it as I have written a few verses on the subject which will probably hold you for a while.

When Barney flew over the hills, His pride and his darling to see, His engine went dead and he fell on her head, Now they sleep in the cold cemetery.

When Barney flew over the hills, Said he to his darling, "Oh my," When he sat down and talked, "I'd rather have walked, But the cost of shoe leather's too high."

When Barney flew over the hills, His airplane came down with a flop, But his darling, bedad, didn't grieve for her lad, But eloped with a fat Irish cop.

When Barney flew over the hills, His darling remarked, "How absurd!" And exclaimed with disdain, "Don't you come round again, It's a man that I want, not a bird."

Zella, if you want any more, just drop me a card, as I have plenty of the same brand on tap.

RAYMOND CITY, W. VA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

What did you get for Christmas? Santa was very good to me and gave me a lot of things I am very proud of. I had two brothers in the army and both

came back with a sad tale about the little French children. I am so glad so many of the cousins gave

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# His Good Mother

By Yetta Kay Stoddard

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"THERE'S marks of a good mother on him, if ever I saw them, and I can detect good or bad breeding at six months, ma'am."

"But you say, Mrs. Jiznot, that you have no papers for him. We had decided to take a younger child, one whose parents were respectable," Ammy Tarbox looked knowingly over lowered spectacles at her husband, who telephoned, "We're taking no chances."

"Outside show of respectableness don't go far with some, ma'am. Them that's had the best papers have sometimes gone straight to the penitentiary as fast as the getting would take them, in spite of our doing what we could to keep them out; and two or three weakened foundlings, nameless, half-dead with bad blood, that didn't seem worth saving, have turned out A-1 citizens. It's something deeper than names on paper that we learn to know them by."

"Will you let us see the ones that came of decent parentage?" asked Ammy, firmly.

Mrs. Jiznot rose. "You can go upstairs, Whicket," she said to the five-year-old boy who leaned against her knee, studying the hard faces of the Tarbox couple. His gray eyes glinted back at them—in the matter of unsympathetic glances giving them as good as they sent. Then, catching sight of the shiny gold chain festooned above Sanford Tarbox's waistline, he followed, unnoticed, close at heel, as the party toured the asylum.

When Providence bestows a child you take unquestioningly what comes. You would have had none other if the choice of the babies of the world had been yours. When you child-hunt you go fastidious. Red hair with brown eyes you fancy not, though the colorings belong to the handsomest of your kind. You see an angel-faced darling and exclaim, "This—this seems as if it were my very own," and the matron freezes

your blood with, "Father and mother deficient with long criminal records." You take home one that resembles distantly your mental conception of what you wanted, and the years reveal that he whom you had intended to manage the business in your old age, succeed you after your demise, is a hopeless case of arrested mentality, a perpetual embarrassment.

Ammy and Sanford stood at the street door. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Jiznot," Mrs. Tarbox was saying. "We didn't find any that just suited. We'll call again. There's no hurry. Good by."

A little hand was touching the gold chain. Sanford looked down to see Whicket smiling generously, admiringly. "Very pretty," he murmured.

"I told you to go upstairs," commanded Mrs. Jiznot, not unkindly. Whicket turned.

"He's a dear little chap, Ammy," Sanford ventured. He had seen something Ammy had missed. The small figure began the long up-journey, hugging close to the friendly bannister. "I've forgotten what he looked like. We've seen so many," Ammy said.

"Come back a minute, Whicket," called Mrs. Jiznot. "Really, Mrs. Tarbox, I can recommend him. Of all the children that have gone through here in my time, he's my choice. The marks of a good mother are on him, nice habits—something sweet inside—you know what I mean."

"What's your name, sonny?" asked Ammy, with a welling up of genuine mothering towards him.

"Whicket Inyat Loroan."

"I feel like taking him just for the pleasure of naming him over," Ammy laughed, the light of her fun-loving spirit momentarily glowing. The boy saw it and went on:

"No one else has a name like mine. There's three Johns and seven Franks and—"

"Let's take him, Ammy!" Sanford put his arm around the child. "Do you ever send them out on trial, Mrs. Jiznot?"

"We do everything to try to launch them

safely. There's such lots coming along all the time."

"I suppose there's some kind of record," questioned Ammy. "Never mind clothes. We'll get something as we go through town." Mrs. Jiznot opened the safe and turned to the meager information entered on a page of her private memorandum book.

October 8, 1907. Male child found by Lester Jiznot at 4:20 A. M. on asylum front doorstep. Hand-printed card sewed to undershirt said, My name is Whicket Inyat Loroan. Born September 13, 1903. Please be very good to me for my dying mother's sake.

"That's all, ma'am." Mrs. Jiznot put the book back into the safe. "There was a lock on the string around his neck, but one of the big girls either lost or stole it, quite recently. That's what makes him so sad-like. He keeps saying, 'My pretty mother is gone.' He remembers she said she would be always with him, when she went away."

"We'll take him from month to month. If we like him and he us, we'll adopt him." Sanford took one of the little fists, Ammy the other, and started for home—their big, lonely, empty farmhouse on the other side of the city.

"What's that?" asked Whicket, pointing to a large gilt frame that hung, back foremost, above the mantel in the dining-room.

"He's beginning fine, isn't he?" Ammy asked, bitterly. The hard looks that Whicket had first seen came into the woman's face. He glanced at Sanford. They were there also—terrible looks for a child to see—such a helpless child, unprotected, among people who could put on expressions of hatred, cruelty! Whicket had never been struck but he had seen other naughty orphan children beaten and hurt and he knew what angry grown people sometimes did to little ones. He shrank away, saying:

"I want to go back to Jizzy. I want to find my pretty mother."

"Listen, Whicket," said Ammy, as Sanford, white and unsteady, staggered from the room. "Never, never look up there. Never speak of that thing when—when—she was searching for a name that Whicket could use—'when Father Sanny is here. That is a bad, bad, bad girl—understand?'"

Whicket gazed very understandingly indeed. Perhaps his good mother had put the mark of such strange knowledge as that upon his baby heart.

"I believe you know what I am saying, you dear!" The hard, hurt lines melted from Ammy Tarbox's face. Tears rolled tempestuously, as she drew the child into her bosom, casting a sorrowful upward glance at the place where her daughter's innocent prettiness should be looking back at her. The usual household tragedy the ugly object above the mantel suggested; an unforeseen swift blow that had brought unusual shock, heart-crushing, to this couple—upright and clean themselves, descended both along lines of those whose integrity had been unassailable, expecting clean-living from all belonging to them. And Azazel had been a pure, radiant lily, the white immaculate flower of all their kin.

"Now we'll have supper," Ammy said, rising, taking off her wraps and showing Whicket where to put his new cap and jacket. Out to the big bright kitchen they went, into the first of the many happy hours there to be worked through together. The childish wonder-questions brought and kept smiles glimmering on Ammy's countenance. When Sanford came in, his own grim face lighted at the sight of Whicket carrying the potato tureen.

"He's so smart!" commented Ammy in a whisper to Sanny, as she heaped cushions into a chair for Whicket to occupy between them.

The child smiled from one to the other. Then he noticed the plate at the other side of the board. "What's that for?" he began but left the question unfinished, before the older faces could get back the terrible troubled look he had already learned to fear. It was the last approach to a grievous mistake on Whicket's part, in all his dealings with his foster-parents. From that hour forward he went winning his way into their hearts, in and in, returning them genuine lasting love—the richest reward they hoped for.

Reporting satisfactory progress to Mrs. Jiznot, "He is really remarkable," Mrs. Tarbox would often say in an aside. "We must keep in touch with you so that if ever you hear anything about his people, you can let us know. We owe it to him to find out. I don't believe we'll discover a bad lot. Why, sometimes, do you know, I feel myself in the presence of something almost holy, with that little child beside me?"

"It's the mark his mother left on him. I saw it in the way he washed his little hands, as if he had been taught to love to be clean," Mrs. Jiznot corroborated.

Whicket kept his odd name. "His mother gave it to him. We may as well respect it. It's all he has that she gave him," said Sanford one day when Ammy proposed changing it to Sanford, Jr. They had taken out adoption papers. The boy was as nearly their own as mutual love and the law could make him.

"She gave him a lot more, that mother. More than you and I could if she hadn't impressed it on him first. Goodness she gave him. I love her for what she gave Whicket when she must have been in dire straits. Oh, I long to have her know what he is turning out to be." There were tears of deep emotion in Ammy's voice as well as in her eyes, called up by thoughts of the marks that wicked Azazel must have put upon her child, if ever she had had one. They did not know; nor even if she lived. They told themselves that they did not care.

And along Whicket's years the memory of his beautiful mother lingered. He had lost her words, the sound of her voice, the touch of her hands, but Mrs. Jiznot and Ammy had told him that his mother had said that her love would be with him wherever she was. The belief in that statement freshened as he grew towards young manhood. The recollection of his mistake when he had taken the first step across the Tarbox threshold kept him always unseeing, mute, in respect to the unsightly object above the mantel, the fourth plate at table. Then when old enough to understand it all, in loving sympathy for his parents he shared their honest shame—glad not to have to communicate his knowledge to his mother. "She could not have understood such a thing," he told himself. When, once, alone in the house, he had been tempted to climb up and take a look at the face of the vile creature—his foster-sister, he considered her—the thought of that stainless lovely mother of his restrained him.

The management of the big farm began to show the results of young Whicket's capable mind and strong hands. The pride of Father Sanny and Mother Ammy grew with the boy's growing manliness. What Whicket proposed they found good to be carried out; they sat planning for his future through most of the hours of their slowing years.

"I'm taking a load of Pearmain to town to-morrow. Want to go along, Father?" Broad-shouldered Whicket touched Sanny's shining gold chain.

The old man recalled the little Whicket that had caught at his heart, there at the orphan asylum door fifteen years before.

"No, I'll not go, but don't forget to leave a barrel for Mrs. Jiznot's kiddies. The Tarboxes still called on the good matron. Long they had kept the hope that sometime a clear record, showing honorable parentage for Whicket, would come to light. That hope had died; but the custom of remembering Mrs. Jiznot's large family at harvest time was one they intended to continue.

Whicket was late returning from town. He burst into the dining-room where his parents awaited him.

"What do you suppose? Mrs. Jiznot has found my lock!" It was in a joint of the frame of the crib I slept in. See, we have at last a clue to my mother's identity." He placed the case in Ammy's hands and went out to put up the team.

The excited old couple drew near the light, adjusted spectacles and peered, squinting and pucker-lipped, into the tiny gold frame. Suddenly they stood apart, breathless, staring large-eyed at each other.

"Azazel!" groaned Sanford, dropping into his chair, shaking as if fever-stricken.

"Hush! Straighten up, Sanny! Whicket must not know!"

"Isn't she a beauty?" called a happy voice from the washroom.

"Indeed she is!" answered Ammy, steadily.

That night when the young man was deep in glad dreams of finding his lovely lost one, two old night-capped prowlers stealthily took down and replaced the gilt frame above the dining-room mantel, having removed therefrom the crayon portrait of a bad, bad, bad girl. As the flames leaped swiftly across the smiling features Azazel seemed to challenge her parents to continued and deepening love of her son.

"Remember that I left the marks of a good mother on Whicket. You have seen them yourself, dear hearts."

"We did not understand. Forgive, little one. Yes, we will think of you that way, as a good mother." They did not say the words, but the promise was recorded none the less.

## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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for me to read. She has learned the little verse you sent and can spell several words.

I am twenty-seven years old and have dark hair and blue eyes. Am five feet, four inches tall and weigh 115 pounds.

With love and best wishes to all the sisters, and Mrs. Wilkinson,

Mrs. W. D. FOX.

GREEN FOREST, ARK.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: Though your department is for ladies only, I am sure that when you hear my plea, and understand the nature of my errand, you will not close the door upon me, even though I am but a young man of 22.

I have watched with profound interest, the efforts of the sisters to purchase a home for Uncle Charlie as a substantial mark of their appreciation and gratitude for the patriotic, humane and inspiring work that has been done through the columns of COMFORT.

War drives and excitement are probably responsible for the fact that this beautiful and Christ-like act was not consummated within a few weeks of its inception. If a few thousand people stirred to the depths by religious emotion, can present a six thousand dollar automobile to a healthy and wealthy evangelist, why cannot the six million readers of COMFORT be stirred by similar and worthier emotions, and present a home that costs not much more than an auto, to our evangelist who is neither healthy nor wealthy?

It pleases me to see that nearly all the good women who write to the sisters' department are filled with the Christ spirit, but that greatest of all evangelists said in the good Book, that faith without works was dead; to talk so much of Christ and ignore the one who has set such a wonderful example of the Christ-spirit, seems to put us in the same position with the Levite who passed by on the other side, and left the work of ministering to the sick to that good Samaritan, who through all the ages has been the symbol of service, sympathy and love.

But to more practical matters: to make a success of the Uncle Charlie Home Fund, certain facts should be made clear. I have heard from my brother when he was in New York City and Brooklyn, and I have read of conditions in those (and other) large cities, which affect real estate and rental values. Owing to the lack of house construction during the war, congestion in the large cities is terrible. Speculators buy homes and double rents, and I have heard that Uncle Charlie's home may, at any time, be sold over his head. Then, I suppose, he will want to buy the house he occupies (which he cannot do), have his little home broken up and be forced to go to a hospital; and, as I understand it is a physical impossibility to move him, without endangering his life—a life that is precious to us all—and we must see that the home he occupies is his without delay.

Had we gone "over the top" in this undertaking three years ago, we would have saved about one thousand dollars Uncle Charlie has had to pay for rent; and as the value of property has increased so enormously, another thousand might have been saved, had we hustled instead of dillyed; another thing: every day we hesitate, robs Uncle Charlie of just so much satisfaction and pleasure in knowing that the home which shelters him, was provided by friends who love him.

Uncle Charlie is growing older and his health is very precarious. Therefore, how would we feel, six million of us, if he should pass beyond our ken, without having done for him a millionth part of what he has done for others.

Now, as I have tried to place this matter before you, both in a practical and business-like way, there surely can be no possible excuse to offer, unless we wish to confess that we are lip Christians and slackers for not bringing this project to a glorious conclusion. Is this beautiful work we honor COMFORT, ourselves and prove to the world that Christianity is still a living, breathing force; not a lifeless and soulless thing.

May God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, pour out his richest blessing upon Uncle Charlie and every reader of COMFORT.

Sincerely, ROY B. SMITH.

SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

MY DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: Will you give space in your corner to an old bachelor on the shady side of fifty? No, I am not going to give any advice as to how to treat a wife, or raise children. However, in this day of crazy theory chasing, suppose that it would be entirely proper to give lengthy abstractions on the above suggestion.

I want to make a suggestion to the readers of COMFORT that is very near my heart and one which I trust will touch their hearts and purses. It is in regard to a home for Uncle Charlie. I am enclosing four dimes from four readers of COMFORT to start the monument, and if it does fail we will back the monument with dollars. I cannot help but believe that Uncle Charlie would rather have a home with millions than with dollars. COMFORT has more than one million subscribers and at least five million readers. If one tenth of our readers would give a dime it would be \$50,000—which would get Uncle Charlie a home and if anything should be left over it could be used for a trust fund and the income used to buy tin cans with which to feed Billy the Goat.

I have been a reader of COMFORT for twenty years and have learned to love Uncle Charlie. I love him for his gentle humor and wit without a sting. I love him for the clean, wholesome advice that he gives the boys and girls, young men and young women. I love him for his patriotism and one hundred per cent Americanism. I love him as a permanent builder of law and order.

Governor Coolidge, of Massachusetts, is being mentioned for President on account of his magnificent stand for law and order. In my opinion, Uncle Charlie is doing a greater work for he is teaching the youth—by the millions—to back such leaders as Governor Coolidge.

Our zealous friends gave the late Admiral Dewey a home that was not appreciated but let us buy Uncle Charlie a dime home, feeling sure that he will appreciate the love that touched the thousands of hearts that prompted the gift.

I would urge all of Uncle Charlie's friends, male and female, to pause in their realization of the physical handicap that Uncle Charlie has overcome, and contribute a dime for Uncle Charlie's home. He is surfeited with sympathy.

I have found some heroines in the Sisters' Corner and have enjoyed their letters but advise them not to take Bachelor Bill's letters too seriously. I am a bachelor and know the breed.

A JOLLY OLD BACHELOR.

Jolly Old Bachelor.—It is very unwise to disagree with a man but if you are a jolly one maybe you won't mind so very much; anyway, it is in a good cause so I'll take a chance. It's just in the matter of dimes for Uncle Charlie for I feel sure we'd get along famously on all other subjects. A dime, J. O. B. (that doesn't mean I'm getting you mixed with the Biblical character of well-known patience—though I'm sure you are

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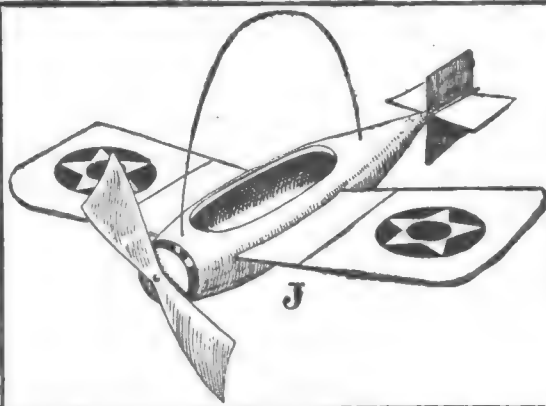
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## Comfort's League of Cousins

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themselves to Uncle Sam when he needed them. Uncle do you think there are any good men? Sometimes I think there are none. I have a lot of friends and have been in their homes and, Uncle, I know none like I think a home ought to be. The wife will fuss if the husband drops a paper on the floor or puts his shoes in the wrong place and smokes in the wrong room, and he will fuss when the meals are not always on time. Now Uncle, are all homes this way? To me a home should be a place to rest and where the members of the family can be happy and helpful to each other. I am twenty years old, have dark hair, blue eyes, weigh 124 pounds, am five feet three inches tall and fair when I am not tanned by the sun and moon, of which I get my share. I can sew, cook and mend and help tend the baby. Listen, girls, I feel very sorry for every one of you who lets a boy kiss you every time he wants to. Love to you all. GYNETH BEWERS.

Gyneth, your letter shows you to be a young lady of character, good sense and with keen powers of observation. You ask me what I got for Christmas. I got two Christmas cards and a bad cold. Am glad Santa was good to you. Naturally he would be, for, being a man, he would have a crush on the girls and hand them out all the good things and leave male humanity cold on the shelf. You must be proud of your brothers and the service they rendered their country. No training camp and no army can spoil a good man. A bad boy will find just the company he is looking for whether in peace or war. A boy who has had good moral training and is clean and wholesome and has character can go anywhere and come out unscathed. Two or three mothers have written me that the training camps ruined their boys. No such thing. Those kind of boys would be ruined in a Baptist Sunday school. They are hunting ruin. The fault lies more with the mothers than with camps or armies. Water finds its level and so does humanity. There are a million orphans in France, so it is no wonder that your brothers came back with a sad tale of little children, and there are more than a million children starving to death in Central Europe. There were some 1,200 deaths in Vienna in one week, and only eight births, thanks to the lack of nourishment, care, sanitation, etc. Pestilence raging everywhere and no doctors, nurses or medical supplies to help stave off its ravages. Such is the aftermath of war, and when you try and put an end to war, party politicians, who never war except with their mouths, put every obstacle in the way of achieving the greatest of all human objectives. There are plenty of good men in the world, Gyneth, but good men are generally modest and keep in the background while the rascals and troublemakers get on the firing line and make the world a hell for the rest of us. The home is a problem, but don't think there is anything wrong with it because father puts his feet on the mantle piece, puffs smoke in mother's eyes and drops his shoes in the soup tureen. A little fussing on the part of father or mother merely shows that they are human. When you have to look across the breakfast table at the same old face for fifty years, the monotony of it may get on your nerves and you may do a little fussing, but when the fussing is over you will go around the table and put your arm around the owner of that face and give it a kiss and thank God for all His blessings, especially the blessed privilege of owning that face. The perfect home, inhabited by perfect people, where everything runs like clockwork, where nobody fights and nothing happens and where you have to get a court order before you are permitted to fuss or smile, is a fine imitation of a cemetery but not a home. Heaven preserve us from the home that is a rough-house



## HOME-MADE MAYBASKETS IN PRETTY NEW STYLES

By Ruth Boyce

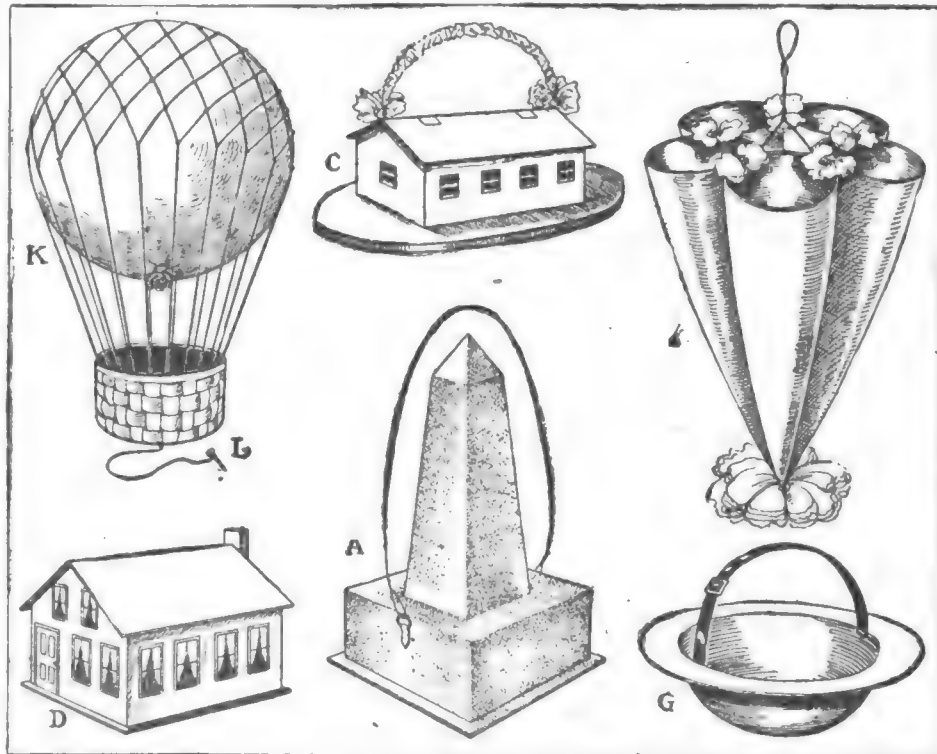
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**H**ALF the fun in taking out and hanging Maybaskets at the homes of one's friends is in getting up something original. The expensive baskets are not nearly as much fun, especially the baskets one buys. Anyone with money can step into a shop and buy them, but to make a basket at home, to get up a clever little design, means much—it means the work of thoughtful brain and kind fingers. Stiff paper, cardboard, colored paper, paint, ribbons, tinsel, gilding, sprigs of artificial flowers and such things that are inexpensive always supply the materials.

at the top as at C. A similar box was turned into a miniature doll house and used for a Maybasket. Windows were cut out and paper lace pasted back for curtains and waxed paper back of that for the glass. This contained an assortment of candy dolls. It was opened from the bottom, the house being merely the cover, as at D.

A white bristol-board tube formed a candle for a Maybasket. A cardboard candlestick was added and gilded to look like brass, as at E. The top was made to fit inside, as at F, and a bit of white string put through for the wick. It held candy peppermint sticks.

Make some imitation steel helmets this year, paint them khaki color with a tiny black strap



One of the oddest Maybaskets I ever saw was a miniature Bunker Hill Monument made of cardboard set on a small square box for a base. The base box opened to hold the sweets or whatever was placed inside. I saw it hanging on a door-knob one May morning and of course could not see inside of it, but I could see how cleverly it was made. The entire outside had evidently been painted with liquid glue and sand sifted over this before the glue hardened. This gave it the appearance of a stone monument and a fine wire ball was added as at A.

A strawberry basket, B, painted gray, with red edges, to which varnished pine cones were wired at each corner, the whole lined with red and the wire ball, wound with red cloth, made a pretty Maybasket. For a very small child the basket could be painted blue and very funny pictures pasted around it.

A candy box was fitted with a slanting roof set on a thin board base cut in a boat shape, windows painted on and one roof hinged on. This made a very presentable Noah's Ark. It was filled with tiny barley candy animals. A wire ball was fastened

for a ball. For a small boy, fill with toy soldiers. Decorate with tiny flags of the Allies. G shows this form.

A large, square, stout envelope with the flap cut out for a ball is a neat and inexpensive Maybasket. Cover with silver paint, fasten a sprig of green with sealing wax and fill with whatever desired. At I, show five paper cones or cornucopias. Make them of different colored paper, fasten together at top and bottom. Suspend with a wire loop. Tucked away down in each may be something different, affording five thrilling little surprises.

An airplane may be made of cardboard, as illustrated in the heading, a tiny propeller glued on or stuck on with wire so that it will spin. Glue on the wings and suspend front and back with wire. Color a battleship gray with the American aircraft design top and bottom of wings.

A toy balloon may be covered with netting, as at K, and a small basket attached by strings. Fasten to the floor in front of the door by a string and tack to bottom of basket, and there it will be swaying when your friend opens the door. Try some of these new designs this season. These may help you to think of something quite original yourself.

and a tough-house and also from the home that always seems as if a funeral is about to take place. Let us have a well-managed home, but by all means let it be human, where the people are real joyous realities and not artificial automations. There should be authority and discipline, system and order in the home, but each unit of the family should be given the fullest opportunity for individual expression, and repression should only be resorted to when the crew mutinies and wants to throw the captain and the mate overboard.

**DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:**  
I am coming to you for advice. I have brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. I am liking a boy of fifteen. He lives about three miles from here. He says he loves me dearly, though he has never been to see me at home. He writes me often and writes the sweetest letters I ever seen. Do you think he loves me? I let him have my ring to wear and he has had it over a year. I have asked him for it several times but he won't give it to me. I am not a lazy girl. I wash dishes, cook, clean the house and help papa in the store. Love to all.  
MISS BERTHA

The tragedies of youth, and especially the tragedies of love-lorn youth afford us all an inexhaustible fund of amusement. Lovers may grow old, but love never will and no matter how ossified we get it tickles us all to bits to see the kids getting their first injection of sentimental serum at the hands of our ever youthful friend, Dr. Cupid. Now I'm willing to help you young people who are suffering from the first shock of hydrophobic puppy love, to every extent in my power, but COMFORT cannot start a bureau for the recovery of stolen goods, especially love tokens. If you give a boy a ring, give it to him, don't be an Indian giver and want "dem presents" back. If, on the other hand, you loan a ring, unless you are thoroughly acquainted with the habits, peculiarities and character of the party to whom you trust your property, then it is best for both of you to go to a lawyer and have some arrangement made as to how long your property is to

be retained. You might also make the party of the second part deposit ten cents to cover the cost of the ring, for all of you young ladies, as far as my experience goes (and it is some experience, believe me), though you may pay fifteen dollars for shoes, buy all your jewelry in the ten-cent store. The boys are less thrifty and more generous in this respect, for some have even been known to pay as high as fifteen cents, which shows how reckless boys will become when they are vamped by such fair charmers as your fifteen-year-old self. Be careful, however, about depositing that ten cents with the lawyer, for if he ever gets hold of it, it will probably involve you in a three thousand dollar law suit to get it back, then you will most likely have lost both ring and money. The reason this ring gatherer does not visit you in your home is undoubtedly due to the fact that he fears if you once got him in the family parlor, all your friends and relations, armed with hand grenades, shot guns, rifles, flame throwers and poison gas, might make a combined assault on him and remove this priceless piece of jewelry from his possession. Of course, if he loved you he would accede to your slightest request. The fact that he doesn't makes him a doubtful proposition and you had better sing him a little song on this order:

Give me back my ring again,  
Then my love will never cease,  
But if my goods I can't obtain,  
I'll telephone for the police.

Take my advice, Bertha, and devote the next three years of your life to education, and study domestic science, then a whole carload of worthwhile rings will be presented to you, instead of you handing out rings to the other fellow.

**DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:**  
I am a Bengali man, never was married. Age 45, and dark redish complexion and wath 170 pounds American U. S. A. I am a farmer own my own property  
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## Where Our Heroes Rest

By Frances L. Garside

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**R**OW upon row, as far over the slope of the hill as the eye can see; row upon row, to the right and to the left; every little green mound marked by a plain white cross—25,000 of them!

And here rest the heroes of the Argonne Forest drive—a sleep that seems sweet compared with the anxiety and the turmoil through which those who mourn them are passing. The first cross erected in this little American cemetery in France is to the memory of Leonard Peterson, Private, U. S. Int. In a tragically short time the thousands of others went up to the memory of other boys who had met a similar fate. The cemetery is never without its flowers. It would try the resources of the surrounding country to put flowers on every grave every day, but so many are taken there by the peasantry of the locality that few graves are bare of bud and blossom.

This cemetery is at Romagne, near Verdun. In the foreground are two old barracks. Formerly the scene of military events, and later in many instances of short burial services for the dead, they have now been taken over by the Y. W. C. A. In one is a dormitory, and in the other living and dining quarters. Odd, you say, to have a place like this at the gates of a cemetery? Not at all when you have learned why they are there.

As soon as the ban was lifted, mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts were permitted to go to France to visit this sacred piece of ground. The

great majority spoke no tongue but English; they had not crossed the water before; the trip would have been momentous if taken with happy hearts, but under these circumstances it was nothing short of tragic.

They reached France, a grave and troubled host; to find the town nearest to the cemetery, to find the cemetery, to find the grave—not many were equal to it without the assistance of those who were there, having made the journey before them.

It was to make this ordeal lighter for heavy hearts that the Y. W. C. A. opened a Hostel for relatives of the dead right at the cemetery gates. Here the visitors find a home waiting for them; are put under the guidance of one who knows the cemetery as she would know one that grew, oh, so much more slowly, in her village back in America. Every relative is taken direct to the grave she is seeking; every visitor to the cemetery is comforted, and sustained, just as far in as sympathy and material aid can help. And when the relative turns to start "back home," it is to find the beginning of the journey made as easy as the ending had been hard.

The relatives remain at the Hostel over night; some remain for several weeks. "We want to be near our boy all we can," said one mother. "Our window overlooks his grave, and my husband and I are growing more reconciled to losing him since we have been here; it is such a peaceful scene. We say good night to him before going to bed, and both of us sleep better knowing that his sleep is so peaceful. We have lost that terrible association of his death with the roar of battle since coming here."

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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patient, too), doesn't buy very much today and it would take 90,000 dimes, or \$9,000, to buy the house Uncle Charlie lives in, though a few years ago it could have been purchased for \$6,000. See what a lot of money we've lost by being so slow. Of course Uncle Charlie had rather have 90,000 dimes than 9,000 dollars just the same as any man had rather have 90,000 than 9,000 friends. I'm sure he has that many friends but they belong to the careless people who never do today what they can put off until tomorrow—I'm apt to be that way myself at times. Anyway, "dimes are slow and time is fleeting" and Uncle Charlie is 57 years old and if he is to have an earthly home it is time he had it. He has builded well here so that his future home is assured (and we can't contribute even a nickel to that—no matter how much we'd like to) but in the meantime the \$3,547.33 given by 6,023 of COMFORT's readers is in the bank and the interest it is drawing isn't noticeable compared with the rent he is paying. We were all enthusiastic about putting this project over the top and Uncle Charlie is deeply grateful to all who have striven to place him beyond the reach of profiteering landlords but not until the full amount necessary for the purchase of the modest home in which he resides (and it is a physical impossibility for him to move) has been donated, can he receive the benefit from the generous efforts of those who have already done their bit to make this most laudable undertaking a success. This isn't a job for the other fellow but for all of us who appreciate what Uncle Charlie through the years has been doing for all of us.—Ed.

WILLOW SPRINGS, MO.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I do not know the number of COMFORT's subscribers but I wish it were possible to write each a personal letter. However, this is the next best way of reaching them. I have been a reader of COMFORT for many years, though not continuously, and but recently have learned of Uncle Charlie's physical disability. His letters have been of special interest, especially all through the world war, and I think truly he is one of our greatest hero soldiers, one hundred per cent American and I suggest we decorate him with flowers on May 30th, in form of one dollar each. God will return us two for one in every instance. Let's give it with cheer and good will to a bed-ridden brother. It will be so easy to enclose a dollar bill, or more if you wish, and mail it to his address—Charles Noel Douglas, 1299 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., or send it to Uncle Charlie, Care COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Let's not forget the date and be early rather than late with our "flowers." It will show our appreciation of his finely written talks, any one of which is well worth a dollar. Ten-cent showers are very well but a dollar shower is ten times better. All of us have sympathy for the afflicted; let us back it up with our dollars.

I know what affliction means, having experienced same since birth. Am near Uncle Charlie's age and happy, though married. I love the Ozark country of southern Missouri. It is indeed God's country.

Sincerely, Box 428.

MINNESOTA.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I love the Sisters' Corner and look forward and wait for COMFORT each month.

I'll tell you something of my life. I am twenty-two years of age and single. I had a soldier sweetheart in France, as most of the girls had. We were engaged for three years; he served one year in France and came back to the U. S. last August. We were to be married in February. Later in the summer I left my city home and am now on a beautiful farm with my sister. While out here I met a young man, another returned soldier, and the first time I met him I knew I never loved the other boy. I broke the engagement with my first sweetheart and am promised to the second one whom I love with all my heart. My first sweetheart is broken hearted and pleads for me to come to him. The pity I feel for him is near breaking my own heart but I can never love him. Sometimes I almost think I ought to go back to the first love. Sisters, what shall I do? Should I go back to him, still loving the second one? No one seems to want to give me advice. They tell me to fight my own battles as I might reproach them later, but it is advice I want and it would help me.

The first is a city boy, a mechanic by trade; the second is a farmer lad. I have been a city girl all

my life but love the wonderful, fresh, green country, with its wholesome air and golden waving grain fields. Then, too, how delicious the sweet, yellow butter tastes fresh from the churn. In the city you have to be content with what you buy.

I will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson if anyone should write to me.

Wishing the sisters happiness and good health,  
FAIR LOCKS.

WISCONSIN.

**DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:**  
I want to sit at Mrs. Wilkinson's feet and look up into her kind eyes and tell her all my troubles and joys. I really haven't many troubles and everyone has joys if they look for them.

I wish all the dear sisters might see the beautiful sunset I am seeing. Overhead the sky is grey with clouds but in the west the sun's face fairly shines and the glow all about it is pink with here and there a touch of yellow and blue. It is all very lovely and I am so glad I am alive, glad that spring is coming and that life is bright with hope. I really don't see how anyone can be sad and gloomy, but, of course, I don't understand everyone's troubles.

A year ago I married one of the best men in the world, and I didn't know how to bake bread and even cooking potatoes was rather a puzzle and sisters, my first pumpkin pie! I peeled a pumpkin, cut it in tiny squares and dumped it into the pie crust, and put it in the oven to bake. I shall never forget that pie! That was only one of many lessons I had to learn.

To the girls in their teens, I say, stay single until you are in your twenties. My married life is happy but I did not seem to understand that I would have to give up a lot of things when I was married. It is hard for me to give up going to dances and parties, but Hubby objects to them. He was a soldier and was in France and England. Sometimes it seems that he is selfish not to let me have a good time, or is it I who am selfish?

How many sisters love cats? I have a dear little yellow-and-white kitten and a bird and if it were not for these dear little friends I would be more lonely than I am as my husband is away all day.

I will tell you how I look and say good by. I am seventeen years old, five feet, two inches tall, dark hair and eyes and have a stub nose.

Oceans of love to Mrs. Wilkinson and the sisters—and the few brothers. Mrs. Wilkinson, I'll feel terribly hurt if you don't write something below my letter.

BOBBY.

Bless you, Bobby, of course I'll write something below your letter and I'll tell you a secret for you are still young enough to enjoy secrets; all children do, and you are hardly more than a child. Listen to this: You aren't the only stupid person for one time, years ago, when my chum's mother went out for the afternoon she told her daughter and me to "watch the bread." We obeyed religiously, stopping our play every few minutes to "watch" it. In the course of the afternoon we found that it was rising so high it would be likely to run over the sides of the pan. We were much worried over this so after much debate procured a clean dish towel which we pinned tightly around the pan and bread dough and said, "Now let it go just as high as it wants to." Isn't that just as foolish as your pumpkin pie? To be sure, we were very young but we should have known better. We are still as good friends as in days of childhood and have laughed many times at the way we "watched" the bread. Please don't tell the sisters about this for I'm a little bit ashamed of it.

I am glad you haven't any troubles and hope

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## Driven Apart

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and was lying, without sound or movement, upon the littered asphalt of the street. Arthur Preston, his faculties absorbed by the danger of the swaying wall, did not realize that his aunt had fallen out, and that he was speeding away from her.

Then, under the impetus of an explosion near at hand, the huge wall of brick shook more ominously than before. The soldiers did not seem to realize the awful predicament of Mrs. Preston, who lay at the very base of the tottering ruins.

With a despairing cry, Beryl dashed forward, her little feet flying across the debris-strewn thoroughfare. Tonita would have seized her, had she not been so quick; the Mexicana called wildly for the brave girl to return; and then, seeing that she was bent upon risking her life to rescue the woman who had treated her so cruelly, Tonita plunged after her.

### CHAPTER XXVI.

#### A BRAVE DEED.

Beryl, when she saw the awful danger that threatened Mrs. Preston, had thought only that she was Nell's mother; and that, notwithstanding her cruel pride, her life was dear to her son. Tonita, on the other hand, thought only of Beryl.

The homeless people, standing about the edge of the little park, gazed with horror-stricken eyes at the tragic scene. Two lovely young girls were hurrying themselves into what seemed like certain death. The smoke-blackened wall shivered and surged, now forward, now back; every moment it seemed as though it must precipitate itself into the thoroughfare.

Men who had looked with calloused hearts upon the threatened collision of the automobile no longer gave vent to hoarse cries of fear and warning; women screamed, and the soldiers, realizing when too late that a woman had fallen from one of the vehicles, stood gazing in mute helplessness at the fluttering, flying figures of the girls.

Beryl was first to reach the prostrate form of the unconscious woman. She called to Mrs. Preston wildly, but, of course, no answer could come from those proud, silent lips which had wounded the rescuer so keenly the evening before.

Beryl stooped to clutch the limp form and drag it to safety. At that moment Tonita came breathlessly to her side. There was no time for words. Tonita realized what must be done, and promptly lent her willing aid. Between them the two rescuers dragged their unconscious burden from the dangerous spot. They were almost out of the zone of peril when a soldier dashed in, caught Mrs. Preston in his arms, and staggered to the edge of the park.

Nor was this accomplished an instant too soon. The soldier had not yet laid the rescued woman on the sward at the edge of the refugee camp when there came a frightful crash, and the bricks and stones of the wall deluged the street. A small hill of masonry covered the very spot where Mrs. Preston had been thrown from the automobile!

"A heroic deed!" cried the handsome young officer who had been overseeing the distribution of supplies. He had leaped from the wagon and had dashed to the place where Beryl and Tonita, weak and faint after their brave task, had sunk upon one of the park benches.

"And to think," spoke up a gray-haired man, trembling with excitement, "that the work should have been left to two frail girls!"

"Who are they?" came from every side. "Does any one know who they are?"

This question, naturally, could not be answered. Hardly any two of the refugees had had much acquaintance with each other up to

the time their lots had been cast in that small park; so it was not to be supposed that they would know the names of two wanderers who had reached the camp after nightfall.

The young officer bent over the girls and offered them a tin cup of water.

"You saved the woman's life," said he, his eyes glowing with admiration. "But for your quick work she would have been buried under an avalanche of masonry. I should like to report this, if you will give me your names."

The red mantled Beryl's face.

"Please say nothing about it, sir," said Beryl. "We do not wish to have our names known."

"Do you know the woman whose life you saved?"

"I know who she is, that is all. She is Mrs. Burton Preston, of Denver. The automobile from which she was thrown belongs to Mr. Arthur Preston, of Nob Hill."

"Ah, then you are friends of the family?" queried the officer, struck by the influential names he had just heard.

"No, we are not friends of the Prestons," answered Beryl.

"We would not be friends of Mrs. Preston if we could!" spoke up Tonita warmly.

The officer looked at the Mexicana with a faint smile.

"And yet," he murmured, "you both would risk your lives for her."

"How is she?" asked Beryl. "Is she very badly hurt?"

Some of the women among the refugees were ministering to Mrs. Preston. At this question from Beryl one of them looked around.

"No, she is not severely hurt," said the woman. "She was stunned by her fall from the car, but will quickly recover."

"I am thankful for that," murmured Beryl, thinking of Nell.

"Fortune is more than kind to these people who are born with gold spoons in their mouths," said Tonita, who had no kindly feeling whatever for Mrs. Preston. "Yes, blessings are always showered upon those who do not need them."

The young officer seemed amused at the beautiful Mexicana's display of temper.

"Hello!" he exclaimed suddenly, looking up one of the streets. "Here comes the Preston automobile back again. It must have gone around the block."

He stepped out into the street and met the car as Arthur Preston halted it close to the place where the women were working over his aunt.

"Where is my aunt, the lady who was with me?" cried Arthur Preston.

His face was blanched, and his apprehensive eyes were on the heap of debris at the place where the wall had fallen.

"Didn't you know that she was thrown from the car?" demanded the officer.

"I did not dream of such a thing!" cried Arthur Preston. "My aunt, man!" he implored. "Tell me—tell me the worst!"

"Your aunt fell on the very spot where that mass of masonry now lies," said the officer.

"That she did not meet a horrible fate is due entirely to the daring of two young girls."

At the risk of their own lives they rushed forward and dragged your aunt to safety."

"And is my aunt alive? Where is she?"

The crowd parted so that he could see Mrs. Preston and those about her. Arthur leaped down from the machine and hurried to his aunt's side.

"She's reviving," said one of the women, who, with her rough, toil-hardened hands, was chafing the delicate temples of the rich Mrs. Preston. "She'll be able to talk to ye in a minute, sir."

An expression of intense relief crossed Arthur Preston's face as he turned away.

"It was all the result of a frightful mistake!" he exclaimed, addressing the officer. "I did not hear the soldiers' warning until I was past the danger line, and it was better then to go on than to turn back. The other automobile came upon me with the swiftness of a thunderbolt, and I had no idea my aunt had been thrown from her seat by the jar. She did not utter a single cry—I am certain of that. If she had, I would have discovered at once what was wrong."

The next moment he seemed to think of the two girls and what they had done.

"You say," he proceeded eagerly, "that two young women saved Mrs. Preston?"

"Yes," the soldier answered.

"What they have done this day is something that shall never be forgotten, nor pass without reward. Please bring the young women to me. I would have my aunt know how she is indebted to them just as soon as she is able to realize what has happened."

The officer went to the bench where he had left the girls; but the bench was unoccupied. The girls had vanished. He looked around through the crowd, and called upon others to look, but the search was fruitless.

"The young ladies," said the officer, returning to Mr. Preston, "are not to be found; they have mysteriously vanished."

"Who were they?" asked Arthur Preston.

"I can't tell you," was the reply; "they refused to give their names."

"Does any one know who those young ladies were?" cried Arthur Preston.

There was a moment's silence; then a poor woman with a tear-stained face pushed closer to him through the crowd.

"They were in my tent along with me, sir, last night," the woman answered. "When they came, I woke up, and thought maybe it was my daughter, who has been lost ever since the earthquake. I heard 'em talkin' a little, and one called the other Beryl. That's the only name I heard."

"Beryl!" Arthur Preston started as though stung. "Describe that girl to me," he went on to the officer excitedly.

"She was a girl of rare loveliness," answered the young officer, "if she is the one I believe the woman refers to. She had waving golden hair, violet-blue eyes."

"It is she!" gasped Arthur Preston, with a startled, bewildered look in the direction of his aunt. "What a strange combination of circumstances!" he murmured to himself. "I will give five hundred dollars," he called, "to the person who will find those two girls and bring them to me!"

But, although he waited for half an hour at the edge of the park, while men, boys, and even women, scattered all over it in quest of the two girls, yet his generous offer bore no fruit.

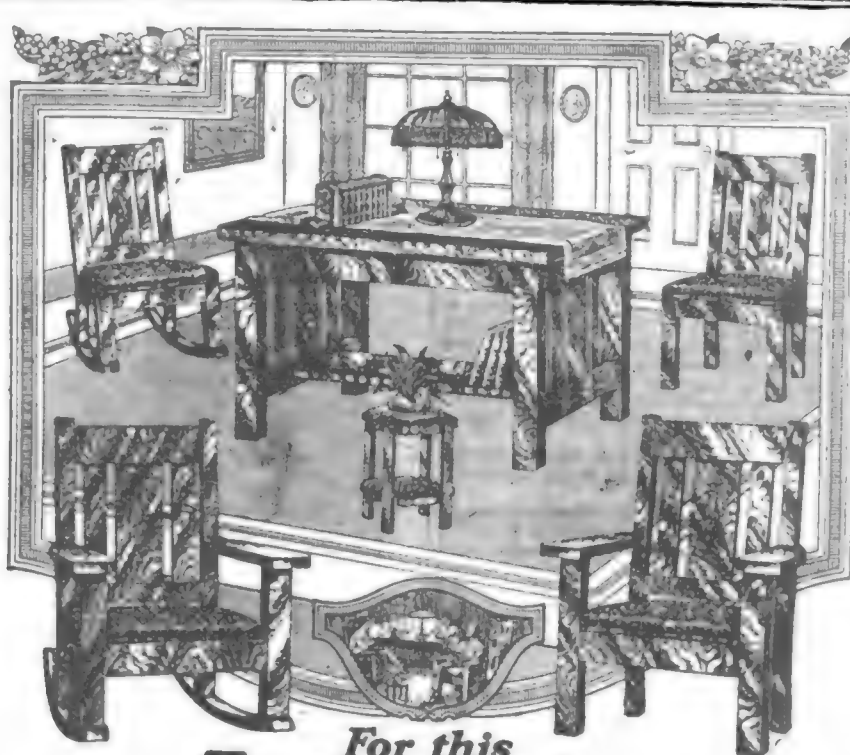
By that time his aunt had so far recovered that she could be assisted into the car and the journey continued. Arthur Preston left with the officer the address of his lawyer, who lived in San Rafael; and the lawyer was to be communicated with in case the girls could be found later. Then, with Mrs. Preston leaning white and listless against the leather cushions of the rear seat, the automobile sped away.

### CHAPTER XXVII.

#### A CHANCE MEETING.

"We are wreck and stray, we are cast away, Poor, battered old hulks and spare, But we hope and pray, on the Judgment Day, We will strike it, up there in the stars. Though battered and old, our hearts are bold, Yet off do we repine For the days of old, For the days of gold— For the days of Forty-nine."

An old melody had been moved from a house into a neighboring square. A crowd of white-haired men surrounded it, while a younger one of their number played an accompaniment and the rest sang. There was something very in the effect. Neil, wandering aimlessly, yet ever with his one absorbing purpose in mind, drew near to the group and listened.



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"Where the rabbits play, and the quail all day Pipes on, on the chaparral hill, A few more days, and the last of us lays His pick aside, and is still. Though battered and old, our hearts are bold, Yet off do we repine For the days of old, For the days of gold— For the days of Forty-nine."

Neil joined in the refrain with a queer tugging at his heartstrings. The song finished, he thought hopefully of George Gate Park, the Presidio, Port Mason, and then he turned his steps westward to carry his search in directions hitherto untried.

"I will find her," he kept saying to himself. "I will—I must find her!" He had repeated the words over and over the day before, just as he was repeating them now. And if despair came, he always saw or heard something that pushed the demoralizing cloud aside and revived his drooping spirits.

The constant tide of refugees swept through the dismantled streets toward the Market Street ferry; Neil seemed to be the only one who was pushing in an opposite direction. He kept on tirelessly, proceeding from one refugee camp to another.

During his wanderings he reverted wrathfully to his mother's heartlessness in keeping himself and Beryl apart. She had called at the house to obtain news of him. He could well imagine what sort of reception had been accorded her, and how she had been sent away. His heart overflowed with bitterness, and his strong hands clenched in a fury of impatient desire.

If he could only be with his fair young bride! If he could only shield her from the cruel misfortunes which threatened every one in that distressed and ruined city! That was all he thought of. His mother had ordered him from her sight, and wished never to see his face again.

His sorrow fought with his anger; but he bowed to his proud mother's will, feeling sure that her disposition would change when she learned that Beryl, so far from being poor, was as wealthy as any of the Prestons. The precious packet which he carried with him would establish his dear one's rights to riches which, as yet, she did not dream of.

Eunice Bartholdt, to whom his mother had referred in their heated interview, was the daughter of a rich brewer. Eunice had ambitions, and if to her wealth she could add the prestige of the Preston name no society star in all Denver could have competed with her. Eunice had planned an elaborate campaign for the conquest of Neil Preston, and she had lived to see her scheming set at naught by a mere working girl! While she remained in Denver, eating her heart out with jealous envy, Mrs. Preston had gone to San Francisco to find Neil, and to plead, for a last time, in Eunice Bartholdt's behalf. All this Neil learned later, but even then a glimmering of the truth had dawned upon him.

While busy with his thoughts, his eyes roved restlessly as he walked. Nothing escaped his vigilance, although his mind now and again would dwell on matters but indirectly connected with Beryl. Suddenly his glance rested on a form in the moving throng about him. Recognition between him and the man was instant and mutual. The man, with an averting of the eyes, sought to drift away and skulk from sight. But in half-a-dozen steps Neil was upon him and had his arm in a firm grip.

"I want a word with you, Trenwyck!" said Neil sternly. "This way!"

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### Knitted Slip-On Sweater

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Cast on 76 sts. Work is begun on bottom of the back. Knit 5 ribs or 10 ribs, now on each side of the work; always knit first 7 stitches and in between k 1 row and p 1 row. Continue in this way until one has nine ribs on each side. K and p alternate rows for next three or more inches according to length one wishes garment below the waistline.

With steel needles k 4, p 4, repeat across. Next p 4, k 4, repeat these two rows until ribbing measures three inches.

On No. 6 needles k and p alternate row as before until back of sweater reaches a point two inches below the neck, now always k and p on first and last 16 sts of each row and across the center 44 sts always knit. When seven ribs are formed on 44 sts, k or p 16 sts as usual, k 7 sts, bind off 30 sts, k 7 sts and finish the row as it was begun.

**For Shoulder**

K 4, p 4, k 4, p 4, k 7, turn k 11, p 4, k 4, p 4. Repeat these two rows until one has two inches of ribbing and 7 knitted sts on the neck side of the work. Now k 5 ribs or 10 rows on the 23 sts. Next 6 rows always knit 7 sts on neck edge and k and p alternate rows on remaining 16 sts, as shown in our illustration.

Hereafter on neck edge always cast on 1 st, turn and k 1 additional st on each row. After 9 sts have been added cast on 2 sts for three rows. Work other shoulder in the same manner, join, having 76 sts in all. Cast on 4 sts for underarm, k and p alternate rows on 27 sts, always knit across center sts until five ribs are formed, k and p last 23 sts, cast on 14 sts, turn.

After finishing five ribs across center k and p from side to side until work measures top of ribbing on the back, folding the work on the neckline. Rib to match back and finish the work below with knitted ribs on the side and bottom. Bind off loosely.

Pick up sts around arm-scy, k and p for four inches, then k 2 tog at end of every other row until point three inches below elbow is reached. One should discontinue decreasing when one has a number of sts which can be divided by 4. Knit five ribs, three inches for cuff by knitting 4, purling 5, knit five ribs and bind off.

Join the side seams from the top of the knitted ribs on the bottom of the front and back.

### American Flag Tatted in Colors

BY SARAH A. R. ELLIS.

Materials: No. 70 tatting thread and shuttle.  
Finished flag measures about six and one-half inches wide by ten and one-half long.

1st row.—With red make a ring of 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close. Make another ring of same size, turn work over, 3 d s, join to 3rd of first ring, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close, turn work and make a fourth ring joining to p of second ring. Repeat ring working in this way until a stripe six and one-half inches long is completed.

2nd row.—Using white, make rings of the same size, joining to center picots of rings in first row, and making the same length.

3rd row.—Same as 1st in red and connect to 2nd row.

nect to 3rd row.

5th row.—Same as 1st and 3rd.

5th row.—Same as 1st and 3rd.

6th row.—Same as 2nd and 4th.

6th row.—Same as 2nd and 4th.



# Simple Crochet and Tatting for Children

## Child's Square Tatted Neck Yoke

BY HARRIET A. BATES.

**U**SING No. 80 thread make a ring of 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, close. Ch 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s. Alternate these rings and chains until there are 11 rings, each joined in making to the side picots. After the 11th ring is made \* make a ch 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, join to side p of 11th ring another ch 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, ring same as before joining 3rd p to center of 11th ring. This turns a corner. Continue now with rings and chains until one has 21 rings, then repeat corner from \* and after turning make 21 rings, turn corner, 21 rings, turn corner and make 10 rings. Break thread.

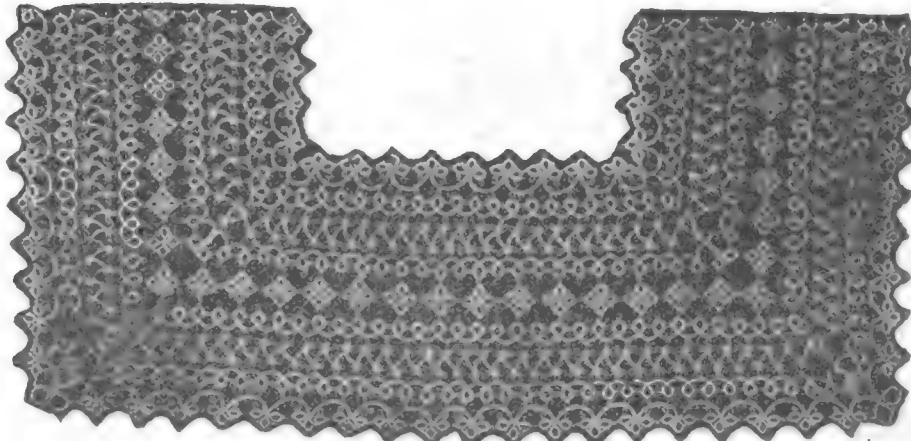
2nd row.—Make ring 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, join to p of 1st ch, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, close. Turn and make a ch of 7 d s, then a small ring of 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, 1 p, 2 d s, close. Turn, another ch 7 d s, then a small ring joined to p of 2nd ch. Repeat working in this way until one has 10 small rings, joined to picots of chs (but do not join these small rings together). Join 11th ring to corner ch, ch 7 d s, 1 ring, ch 7 d s, 1 ring joined to same p with last ring, ch, ring, ch, ring joined to p of next ch. Turn each corner in this way, making two small rings joined to the same picot of each corner ch.

3rd row.—Make ring of 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, ch 5 d s, join to center p of first free small ring in last row. 1 ring same as first in this row, joining to last p in first ring. 1 ch same as first, and joined to second free ring. Repeat until you have joined a ch to the

ring, ch 10 d s, 1 ring, ch 7 d s, join to side p of ring in fifth row, 7 d s, 1 ring, 14 d s, join to small ring in sixth row, 14 d s, 1 ring, 7 d s, 1 ring, 10 d s, join to small ring in sixth row, 10

the work look ragged. Biting silk pulls it and gives it a drawn look, always cut it.

In working a leaf or petal, the part which laps under should be worked first. You may



CHILD'S SQUARE TATTED NECK YOKE.

d s, 1 ring, 3 d s, join to ring in seventh row, 3 d s, 1 ring, 7 d s, 2 rings, 10 d s, join to center p of ending ring in seventh row, 10 d s, 1 clover leaf. Now make leaves and chains as on neck edge, joining each ch excepting the first to two rings. At the corner after making a clover leaf, ch 14, join to p of first corner ring, ch 10, 2 rings close together each of 10 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, 1 p, 5 d s, 1 p, 10 d s, close. Joining second ring to the first ch 10 d s, join to second corner ring, ch 10 d s, join to next ring, ch 10 d s, 1 clover leaf. Repeat, turning each corner in this way.

A pretty effect may be obtained in using this pattern by combining two colors, using one shade for both edges and the row of 4 ring medallions, and white for the balance.

Collars, cuffs and pockets on little dresses are very pretty trimmed with a colored edge of tatted rings; or if one prefers crocheting the following will give the right amount of color: Use No. 70 or 80 cotton and make 1 a c in material, ch 5, 1 a c in material, repeat, break thread. Join with s c and under first ch 5, make 7 s c, repeat.

### Embroidery Pointers

Use your silk in the direction the twist runs, to secure even, smooth work. After drawing a thread from the skein, pass it lightly between the thumb and forefinger, to ascertain this,

begin in the center and work out, at the base and work up, or at the edge and work in. A simple way is to begin at the apex of the leaf or petal, and then, after making a line of stitches down the center, work to the right until the right half is finished; then return to the apex and work the left side in the same way. In work that requires delicate shading, work up from the base on the whole petal or leaf. It is better to put in veinings last, over the finished leaf, rather than outlining them first and filling in around them.

To make outlines distinct, so that leaves and petals will not seem to run together, outline the edges. The work is thus raised, and lights and shadows are shown better than by the flat treatment. If a still more highly raised work be desired, you must pad with white cotton or silk underneath.

To make shading artistic, so that there is no sign where one color ends and another begins, run the stitches of one color well up into the other, and do this unevenly, so as to leave no decided line where they meet.

### Girl's Tatted Sport Hat

BY MABEL DAVIS.

Materials: White or colored tatting thread and shuttles.

Work is begun in the center of the crown by making a ring of 12 picots each separated by 2 d s. Draw up close, tie and cut thread.

2nd round.—Make ring 4 d s, join to p of center ring, 4 d s, close. Turn, make ring 4 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 4 d s and close. Turn and make a small ring like the first and join to next p of center ring. Repeat, working around center ring in this way and cut or leave the thread long enough to turn.

3rd round.—1 ring 4 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, close, small ring, 4 d s, join to p of last round, 4 d s, close. Now leaving thread three-eighths inch long make 4 d s, join to p of next ring, 4 d s, close. Repeat around.

4th round.—Ring 4 d s, join to thread between small rings. Widen top of crown by making 2 small rings in every fourth thread in this round. Repeat around.

5th round.—Ring 4 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, close, ring 4 d s, join to thread 4 d s. Make 2 small rings in about every second thread, or if this makes the crown too full every third thread.

6th round.—4 d s, join to p of large ring, 4 d s, close, leave sufficient thread and repeat. Three rounds of small rings joined as before, then a round of large and small rings. This completes the crown.

### Side Crown

Ring 4 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 6 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, close. Turn, ring 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, close. Turn large ring as before joining p to p of first ring. Turn, make 4 d s, join to p in small ring, 4 d s, close. Repeat till there are as many large rings as there are in crown of hat.

Make opposite side of beading in the same way, having a group of 4 small rings joined in the center.

2nd round.—1 small ring join to p of large ring, leave thread three-eighths inch, small ring join to p of next large ring. Repeat around.

### Brim

Widen by making 2 rings in every 3rd thread. Then 4 rounds of rings without widening. Next round widen in every fourth or fifth thread. Again 4 rounds plain. Repeat, making the brim as wide as desired, then finish the edge with round of small and large rings, alternating, joining the large rings to each other.

### Linen Dress with Crocheted Yoke

This little dress has a ring yoke the pattern of which is shown in detail in No. 1 which illustrates a 4 ring band suitable for insertion.

By adding scallops, as shown in No. 2, an edging can also be made.



LINEN DRESS WITH CROCHETED YOKE.

and then insert the thread in the eye of the needle so that the twist seems to run down from the needle. If the opposite end be inserted, the thread is drawn through the linen against the twist, which causes roughness and knots.

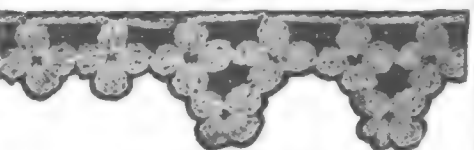
Never knot thread, as this gives the work a rough appearance. Fasten the thread by running it in the cloth, or by sewing it over and over on some portion of the goods that is to be covered by the embroidery.

When you are finishing a needle of silk, fasten it in the same way and clip the silk short, or it will work to the surface and later make

### Crocheted Edging

This pattern can be made of either one or two rows as shown in our illustration, works up very quickly and is pretty for children's clothes, finish for cuffs and collars of cotton dresses or under clothes.

Ch 4, 2 d c, in first st. Ch 4, 2 d c in fourth st of first ch or over first d c. Ch 4, 1 s c in same place. Ch 4, 2 d c in same place. Ch 4, 1 s c in



CROCHETED EDGING.

same place. Ch 4, 2 d c, ch 4, 1 s c, all in same place, ch 3, st to first st. Ch 10, 2 d c in fourth st from hook, ch 4, 2 d c, ch 4, 1 s c in same place. Ch 4, 2 d c in same place. Ch 4, 2 d c in first st of ch just made, ch 4, 2 d c, ch 4, 1 s c, ch 4, 2 d c, ch 4, 1 s c, ch 4, 2 d c, ch 4, 1 s c in same place, ch 3, st to top of 2 d c in unfinished petal, ch 4, 1 s c in same place with 2 d c, ch 4, 2 d c, ch 4, 1 s c in same place, ch 4, 1 s c, ch 10 and repeat.

### Directions for Edging

No. 50 white mercerized cotton, No. 12 steel hook. Ch 13, join 10 sts in a ring, 10 s c in ring, ch 3, 1 s c, to form picot, ch 10, join in ring, 10 s c in ring, 1 p, repeat making 5 rings in all, in last ring make 20 s c, 1 p, 10 s c in next ring, 1 p, repeat until 5 rings are complete, 1 s c, 1 d c, 1 tr c in first 3 sts of ch.

2nd row.—Ch 13, st to 4th st from hook, 5 s c, st to 5th st, s c in last ring, 5 s c, 1 p. Repeat, filling and joining each of the rings to rings in first row. After making 10 s c in 5th ring ch 5 turn, 10 s c, 1 p, repeat in each ring, 1 s c, 1 d c, 1 tr c after last ring as before.

3rd row.—Same as 2nd row. After making 10 s c in 5th ring turn work and make 1 tr under ch 5 in center of last ring in 2nd row, ch 2, 1 tr c, repeat, making 7 tr c in all. Join with st to center of last ring in 1st row, turn work and make 2 s c, ch 3, 2 s c, between each tr. Finish 3rd row.

4th row.—Five rings as in 1st row.

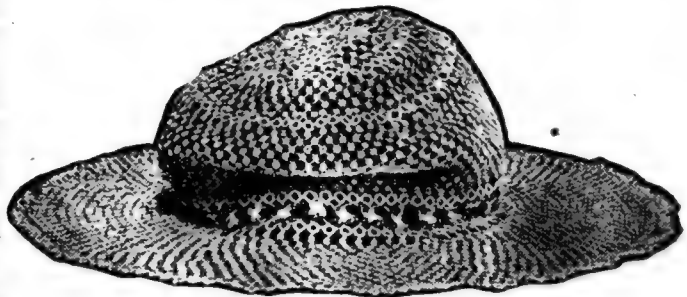
5th row.—Same as 2nd row.

6th row.—Same as 3rd row.

### Crocheted Yoke

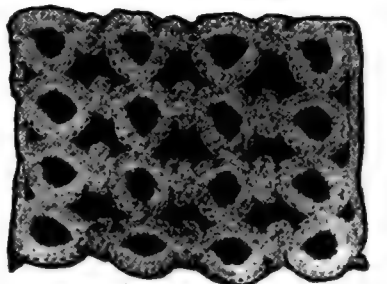
Before attempting to fashion a yoke it would be well to practice working on an insertion or edging until one thoroughly understands the method of working, then it will be a simple matter to make a yoke.

To copy the one illustrated the work is begun at the lower edge of a sleeve. Begin with ch 10, join in ring and work as directed for edging until one has 19 rings. Complete by working back to starting point, ch 15, join in 10th st for



SPORT HAT IN TATTED DESIGN.

ring, work as in 1st row and join to 1st row of rings as directed in edging. Make 20 rows of rings this width. Next 7 rows 6 rings wide only. This forms front of yoke. Then 20 rows 19 rings wide, break thread, join it between 6th and 7th rings from bottom of the back of the yoke, ch 15, join last 10 in ring, make a row 6 rings deep joining to rings as made. Make 3 more rows, ch 8, 1 s c in center of last ring, ch 5, 1 s c in p between rings, ch 5, 1 s c in 2nd ring, repeat, at the corner ch 8, 1 s c in top of ring, ch 2, 1 s c top same ring, ch 5, 1 s c in next ring, ch 2, 1 s c in same ring. Repeat, making a ch in this way along the edge of 16 rings. Fold balance of work together to form

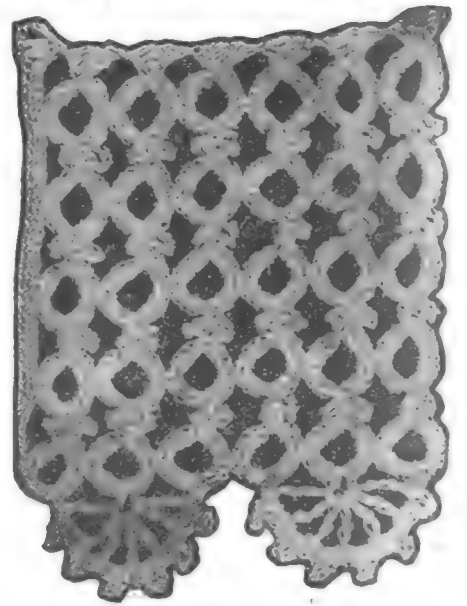


RING INSERTION. NO. 1.

sleeve, ch 5, 1 s c in top of ring in 8th row from edge of the sleeve, on the front of the yoke ch 5, 1 s c in ring in same row on back of the yoke, ch 5, 1 s c, under ch between rings on front of yoke, ch 5, 1 s c under ch between rings on back of yoke, ch 5, 1 s c over ring in 7th row, ch 5, 1 s c on opposite side. Repeat, working back and forth to edge of the sleeve.

Make 4 rows of 6 rings each to form the other side of the center back and join to yoke, fold and join sleeve as directed.

Chain along bottom of front of the yoke, beginning at top of right-hand side of the back at the neck and make 5 or 6 d c under the chains along the edge; at the corner work



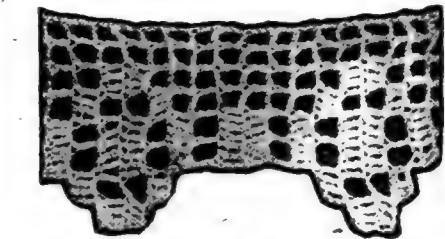
EDGING FOR LINEN DRESS. NO. 2.

enough to turn a square corner, work all around the lower edge of the yoke and up opposite side of back to the neck in this way. Break thread.

### Edging on Bottom of Yoke

Beginning at lower corner of right-hand side of back of yoke, ch 6, 1 d tr c (thread over 4 times) in next stitch, ch 5, sk 5, 2 d tr c in next 2

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ROSE FILET EDGING.

5 clover leaves, then ch 10 d s, join, 10 d s, join, 5 d s, then a small ring, 4 d s, join to last ring in clover, 4 d s, 1 p, 4 d s, ch 5 d s, join to first ring on side, 10 d s, join to second ring 10 d s, clover leaf, joining to small corner ring.

Work all around, finishing the neck of the yoke in this way and turning each corner as directed.

After joining a ch to last 2 rings in the first row make 1 clover leaf. This brings one to the end of the side opposite beginning work, from here one will work down the end of the work, or from the neck to the bottom of the yoke. Follow the clover with a ch 5 d s, 1 small ring of 3 d s, join to side p of last ring in clover, 3 d s, 1 p (make all picots of rings until next corner is reached a little longer than usual), 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close, ch 5 d s, join to side p of last ring in first row, 5 d s, 1 small ring joined to last small ring, ch 10 d s, join to small ring at end of second row, 10 d s, 1 small ring, joined to last ch 10 d s, 1 small ring, ch 14 d s, join to second p of second row, 14 d s, 1 small ring, 10 d s, join to side of ring in third row, 10 d s, 1 small ring, ch 7 d s, join to end ring in group of 4 rings in fourth row, 7 d s, 1 small



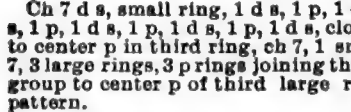
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Edging on Bottom of Yoke  
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ste, repeat around bottom of the yoke to opposite corner of the back. Ch 3, turn.  
2nd row.—2 d c between 2 d tr c, 7 d c under ch 5, 2 d c on 2 tr, 7 d c under next ch. Repeat around.  
3rd row.—Ch 5, 5 tr c with ch 1 between in the 2nd st, 1 s c on 4th d c, 1 sh, 6 tr c with ch 1 between, over next 2 d tr, 1 s c on 4th d c. Repeat around, ending with a shell, turn.  
4th row.—Ch 3, 1 s c between trebles on shell, repeat, making picots over shells.  
Finishing the sleeves by working 2 tr c in top of first ring, ch 5 or 6, 2 tr c in picot between rings, ch 2 tr c in p between next 2 rings, repeat, join with ch to first treble.  
Add shells of 6 d c over each two trebles and finish with picot shells.  
The neck has first a row of chains fastened to each ring and then the same finish as on sleeves.  
This little yoke, which is very effective if well-made, will outlast a couple of dresses.

### Tatted-Edging

Using No. 70 mercerized cotton begin by making a ring of 6 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close, ring 3 d s, join to last p in first ring, 3 d s, 1 p, 3 d s, close. Make a third ring in the same way and join to the second.  
Ch 7 d s, small ring, 1 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, 1 p, 1 d s, close, ch 7, join to center p in third ring, ch 7, 1 small ring, ch 7, 3 large rings, 3 rings joining the first in this group to center p of third large ring. Repeat pattern.



TATTED EDGING.

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## Antidotes for Poisons

Prompt Action May Save Life if You Know What to Do While You Wait for the Doctor

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**I**f anyone has taken poison don't wait for the doctor to come, but do something at once for a delay of even a few minutes may cause loss of life. Give the sufferer an emetic immediately and get the doctor as soon as possible; telephone him if you can. The simplest emetic is prepared by mixing a tablespoonful of salt or a tablespoonful of mustard in a glass of warm water and drinking it quickly. Force vomiting by sticking the finger down the throat.

In the following list will be found special antidotes for the commonest household poisons. The proper antidote is to be given at once, but don't fail to get the doctor also as soon as you can.

**IODINE.**—The commonest preparation is the tincture or "Iodine paint," and is a violent poison if taken internally. Prepare boiled starch and let the patient drink it, or drink thick cornstarch or eat a quantity of boiled or baked potatoes.

**FACE LOTIONS OR HAIR DYES.**—Children sometimes get hold of these things and drink them, and as they sometimes contain white lead or sugar of lead they are dangerous internally. The best antidote is from half to a tablespoonful of Epsom salts in a tumbler of water according to the age of the child.

**ARSENIC IN PARIS GREEN.**—Fly and rat poisons, green dyes, Fowler's Solution, etc. Give an emetic and send for the doctor at once.

**PLANT POISONS.**—Wild parsley, bitter sweet, mountain ash berries, toadstools, poke berries. The symptoms are a weakened pulse and respiration, nausea and sometimes unconsciousness. The antidote is to produce vomiting and then give stimulants—whiskey, black coffee, or aromatic spirits of ammonia, a teaspoonful in a third of a glass of water—half the dose for young children.

### Comfort Sisters' Corner

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you never have. It is true that everyone has joys if they but look for them. I like this little verse:

"Not more of light, I ask, O God,  
But eyes to see what is;  
Not sweeter songs, but power to hear  
The present melodies."—Ed.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Here comes another old maid. Aren't they getting numerous? I am just ten years younger than "Contrary Mary." How old was she? If you please, I would like a seat over here by her while I stay for I am all the women folks in our family.

A word to the girls that have to stop school at an early age. I had to but I didn't give up. I studied at home and read everything worth while that I could get.

Sunshine, I agree with you about books. I just "love" them and have a stack of books and magazines, and a wood fire too. I have read all the books and they are waiting for someone else. Who wants them?

What has become of Bachelor Bill? Did the compliments (?) he got scare him? We wish he would come again, don't we, sisters?

How many of the sisters make chums of little brother? I do and find it rather jolly. "How do you?" I hear someone say. Well, I will tell you what we did this afternoon. We tramped all over fields and bluffs, setting traps. Did I want to go? No, not exactly but when he said, "Guess you'll want me to bring some more books from town next time," what was I to do? And that was not all. When that was done there was the new tractor that I had not seen and no one but Bud could show me how to run it. Then it was time for him to go to the train for Dad and I must help him get the driver out. That is an example. Am I tired? Yes, but it did little brother lots of good if the loving smile he gave me is any sign.

With love to the sisters.

Molly-Joe.—That's a jolly, friendly sort of name and sounds as though you might be a good chum for small brother. Older sisters can exert a powerful influence for good over their brothers and you'll never regret the hours you have given to little Bud.—Ed.

MAIDEN ROCK, WIS.

DEAR EVERYBODY:

Since that day when I first took notice of the Sisters' Corner I have been an interested reader. It happened this way: I had the "Indigestion" and in that mood I picked up the October, 1919, number of COMFORT and saw therein a letter from Criss. I read it and was surprised because it was interesting so I opened my eyes and came out of the dumps, found a stack of COMFORTS and settled down for a pleasant evening. How I enjoyed those letters! There was Nellie Fischer's, B's of Goshen, Bachelor Bill's, Lulu's, George Garrison's, and Pearl Vesey's. Had about decided to pay you a visit when I found your letter written on the Western trail. Good luck to you. Please let us hear from you soon.

George Garrison, who is it that is so very particular? Is it you or the "fair sex"? If such a man as I believe you are, came into my sight I'd be there on the spot with some of the encouragement you mentioned.

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**CARBOLIC ACID POISONING.**—This is shown by white scars on the lips and tongue and burning pain in the throat and stomach. Give whites of eggs, make the sufferer drink milk or if you cannot get any at once give flour and water or salad oil.

**BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY; CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE; BLUE OINTMENT.**—This kind of poisoning is shown by a severe pain and spasm in the throat and a metallic taste in the mouth. Give an emetic at once and then raw eggs and milk and keep the body warm with hot water bags. Mercury poisoning can occur from external application as well as by the mouth. Salves or antiseptic solutions on an open wound sometimes cause it.

**OPIUM POISONING.**—This is caused by morphine, an overdose of paregoric or soothing syrup, etc. The symptoms are intense sleepiness which is sometimes a stupor, pupils of the eyes contracted as small as the head of a pin and slow pulse and breathing. Give emetic, which may be repeated two or three times, and then large quantities of very strong black coffee. Keep the patient awake by forced walking and dash cold water on the face and chest at intervals.

**AN OVERDOSE OF SULPHONAL, VERONAL, TRIONAL OR AMENAL OR ANY OF THE COAL TAR PRODUCTS.** This drug produces great depression and stupor if too much is taken and even paralysis in extreme cases. The antidote is to stimulate the heart's action by giving strong black coffee or from half to a teaspoonful of aromatic spirits of ammonia in one third of a glass of water.

**PTOMANE POISONING.**—This is caused by eating decayed meat or fish or canned goods that have been kept too long, etc. The symptoms are nausea, severe prostration, severe pain and often diarrhea. Try to remove the cause of the trouble by producing vomiting and then give a tablespoonful of castor oil. Apply a hot water bag and if not at once relieved send for the doctor.

My ideas of a Christian are the same as yours. Let us pray—not say prayers.

Nelle Fischer, I have a bone to pick with you. My eyes used to be a dark blue until I read your account of a day spent with Mrs. Wilkinson and lo and behold! they turned green—real "catty" green. So don't come near me if you value your future, but write as usual.

Dear mothers, haven't you in your family a proverbial "black sheep"? Every family has, I believe. Is he, or she, high strung, restless and seemingly ungrateful? Do you doubt that beneath the unruly exterior there is a heart? Perhaps it seems as if kindness leaves no impression, no rebuke kindly spoken calms the spirit. Try with all patience to meet rebellion with quiet helpfulness, not angrily, as one only loses ground when in the throes of its power. Let there be a happy medium, do not let the child rule and do not let your heart harden. Sometime, perhaps not far distant, that child will see and understand and what a blessing if such a backward look is a stepping stone to a better life.

I am not married and am not even an old maid, being twenty-two.

"This I learned from a shadow tree  
That to and fro did sway on the wall,  
That our shadowed selves, our influence, may fall  
Where we ourselves may never be."

Would like to hear from readers.  
LILLIAN SJOSTROM.

MURRAY, KY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

Will you please admit a little lady from the state of old Kentucky into your happy circle? I'm only a new subscriber but I've long been an interested reader and lover of COMFORT for my mother was a subscriber for a goodly number of years. I find the sisters' letters are very beneficial and I appreciate the help I get from them for surely no one lives to himself, and no one dies to himself; for every one of our lives, no matter how insignificant, have a great influence upon the life of someone else, either for good or bad. This sometimes we are not aware of. Nevertheless it is true; therefore it behooves every one of us to watch our actions, work and our very thoughts, and see, so far as it is consistent, that there is not anything in our lives that would cause a weaker brother or sister to err.

If the editor lady doesn't donate this to the waste-basket I'll call again and tell you of my four babies. With best wishes to dear old COMFORT and its many readers,  
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Mrs. Christensen.—The little verse in the letter written by Lillian Sjostrom, illustrates beautifully all that you say regarding our influence on those around us.

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### Requests

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How to make grape juice.  
How to make good peanut butter.  
How to clean a white horsehair hat?  
How to starch thin goods with gum arabic.

Mrs. Amy E. Morgan, Sebasco, Maine, would like reading matter.  
Mrs. H. B. Nelson, Glendo, Wyo., would like an April, 1919, issue of COMFORT.

Mrs. Emily Wolfe, Imperial, Sask, Canada, would like the March, 1919, issue of COMFORT.

Poem beginning, "My Grandpa is a funny man, he's Scotch as he can be."—Mrs. LEONARD GILKEY, Sebo, Oregon.

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## A Gem of Destiny

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if you will pardon my boldness, to—," he stammered desperately; Kitty felt quite sorry for him. "Why, certainly," she smiled, gaily. "All right, we'll let Clint blow on. Adam—our zule, is old and slow, so that Clint needs plenty of time. We are going to town if something doesn't turn up, pretty soon, for our land is worn out, and our house just a shell—though the rose-garden is the loveliest in the county, I think. Still, you know, one can't eat roses—and we do have such awful appetites!"

She looked at the bread, now made into neat loaves, filling two pans. "Now see that bread?" "It's beautiful, wonderful!" admired the viscount, ardently.

"Isn't it? But bless you, it won't last Clint—and me, and Mattietta there, any time at all! You see we've got to move to town—unless something turns up mighty quick!"

"That reminds me," stammered Lord Leslie, "—that—er—necklace you wore yesterday—might—er—might I ask you as a very, great favor indeed, to let me take a look at it?"

Maybe the man wanted to buy it? Kitty's heart gave an ecstatic little leap, and then sank heavily—she couldn't sell Miss Molly's last gift—not for any money.

"Oh, yes—my jade necklace Miss Molly sent me. Do—do you want to see it with a view to—buying it?" asked Kitty, hesitatingly. "I'd love to see it to you, if I had bought it. But a gift—and poor Miss Molly died right after she sent it to me from San Francisco, where she bought it in a Chinese curio store, she said. But I'll show it to you, gladly."

She put the bread to rise in a warm place, and taking her visitor out on the front gallery, whose pillars were twined with roses of all colors like a beautiful mosaic, she—not listening to his incoherent explanations, ran upstairs, fished the necklace out of a drawer and bore it to him, hanging gracefully from one finger.

"Ugly thing—though it may be valuable, Miss Molly said, being real jade—whatever that is. And that pendant, now—I call that clumsy, no matter if it is artistic. And it's heavy, too—I'm going to take it off, when I can get hold of Clint long enough—it's fastened on very securely."

"I see," muttered the visitor, abstractedly. He peered curiously at the clasp of the necklace and looked up solemnly. "Miss Plair, this is our family crest—and this necklace was stolen from my mother's safe in our castle in Yorkshire with all her other jewels. There were none, however, as valuable as this—though the thieves never found it out!"

"For mercy's sake!" gasped Kitty, wide-eyed, "then if it was stolen, why it's yours—your mother's—and I'll be glad indeed to give it back to her."

"Let me explain: You see our family have a wonderful emerald—oh, I can't tell you how valuable it is. Mother had it brought down from London, where she kept it in a bank vault, for Gwen, my sister, to wear at her coming out ball. Somebody frightened her with tales of thieves, so she had a jeweler in whom she had confidence encase the emerald in silver and hang it on a jade necklace of small value as a pendant."

"O—o—oh!" breathed Kitty, eyes shining like stars. "Suppose it is in that ugly pendant!" "Well, nobody knows, but the jeweler thought his assistant heard them talking about the emerald, and informed some friend in Yorkshire. At any rate, the safe was opened and every jewel in it stolen the very night before the ball."

"Scotland Yard was notified, detectives were sent down, servants examined—no use. My father offered a reward at last—and it still stands. Miss Plair, the Hanbury emerald—my father is the Earl of Hanbury—is, I think, in this pendant. The thieves thought it was not in the safe—they didn't know about its safeguard. We recovered some of the jewels—a string of pearls, another of opals; found them scattered about in Paris and London shops, but not the one jewel of worth. May I open this pendant?"

"Yes—oh, yes!" agreed Kitty, eagerly, "just cut into it with your penknife—I don't mind a bit."

So he cut into the soft silver, peeling it off like the skin of a fruit, and revealing a wonderful oblong stone—a pendant itself, though unset in a frame—such a rare, intense light glowing in its limpid green depths that a novice could not help knowing it was a gem of value—a monstrous emerald!

"It is my mother's emerald, Miss Plair," said the major, very softly, "and—I must take it away from you! I am sorry indeed."

But Kitty protested that she was delighted to have him find it—it was so romantic! And Mattietta must call Clint; it was nearly noon anyway, and Adam was always tired before noon—he was getting old.

Clint came; saw the big emerald with awe-struck eyes, and promptly agreed with his sister that they were delighted to have the major find it at last. And he must stay to dinner—it wouldn't be much, but Kitty could fry some ham and eggs in a jiffy.

When Kitty seconded the invitation the Englishman accepted with evident pleasure. Kitty, solicitous about her bread, flew into the kitchen where she tossed up some sour-cream biscuit, broiled some old Virginia ham, cured by the Smithfield recipe, made an omelet and coffee and before one might say Jack Robinson had dinner served, with snowy cloth, sparkling cut-glass, shining old silver, the Tryon china and the best lace centerpiece with a blue bowl full of Duchesse roses in the middle of it.

"You are going right straight back home and take the emerald to your mother, aren't you?" queried Kitty, while they were at table.

"No; fact is, this climate agrees with me so well that I think I'll stay on a bit longer," declared the major, trying to look like an invalid, though he had just finished his second slice of Smithfield ham!

"Then," said Clint, cool as you please, "why not stay on with us? We sort of feel like old friends since we found your emerald for you right in our own house."

"Yes—do," seconded Kitty, mentally taking inventory of her smokehouse and pantry, and wondering whether he could eat egg-bread if the flour gave out.

After a little demur, he was persuaded to stay—and learned every single thing about the people who entertained him before he had been there two days. About Susie Cameron, and how she would wait for Clint, and how awfully Kitty hated to give up the old place and leave her roses, and go where maybe you never saw a flower, and work in an office, making pothooks and hangers that nobody could read. Kitty had her doubts about ever learning stenography, though old Judge Tandon had promised her a job in his office, when she did.

He followed the two about, helping them with their chores in his awkward way, and making them laugh at him a dozen times a day; even Mattietta giggled to see him hoeing potatoes, and was overcome with merriment when he wiped dishes for her mistress while she, Mattietta, mopped up the kitchen floor.

And, every day and every hour he was growing more and more deeply in love with Kitty Plair. She was making bread one day, being deeply immersed in dough and talking about roses—a lovely Lamarque was twined round the kitchen window—when all of a sudden she began to cry, thinking of the pain that would come to her when she gave them up.

A big tear hung pendant from each eyelid; she turned them upon Lord Leslie and sobbed: "Won't you p-p-lease wipe my eyes? My handkerchief is in my ap-on pocket."

Kitty Plair and coquetry didn't know each other by sight; but the most finished coquette

could not have brought a lover to a declaration of his love more subtly. In a minute Kitty was in his arms, dazed and all; she was wiping her eyes with his own handkerchief, and whispering that he loved her more than all the wealth of the world, and asked nothing better than to be allowed to wipe away her tears for the rest of her life.

Kitty could do nothing—she was held so tightly that she couldn't turn her head—she simply had to "stay put." Having her at this disadvantage, he used it boldly, declaring her arguments to be futile—he wanted her to grow roses for him in his gardens in England. (Clint might have Susie Cameron—)

"But poor Clint has no money," protested Kitty, still at a disadvantage.

"Well—the reward for the emerald will be quite enough."

But she interrupted him fiercely. "Don't dare mention reward to us!" she stormed, struggling impotently, "or—or—I'll never speak to you again!"

He earnestly vowed he wouldn't; but he'd be mighty glad to invest a little money in the plantation, helping his brother-in-law buy machinery, stock, and so on. And wouldn't Kitty look up and say yes?

After a brief silence Kitty looked up; her lips, rosier than her rosiest Duchesse, may have whispered that monosyllable, but nobody heard it, for they were very promptly and firmly sealed in a way that seemed very satisfactory to both parties concerned.

Mattietta coming from the woodpile with an apronful of chips saw the tableau in the kitchen. She dropped her chips and fled precipitately to the ten-acre field. "Mr. Clint—Mr. Clint—run quick! Dat man in de house is a-holdin' Miss Kitty and a-kissin' her—she can't git a-loose!"

Clint whistled softly at this astonishing intelligence, stopping Adam in his tracks. "I thought as much," he mused. "Kitty didn't see it coming, but a fellow with a sweetheart knows the signs." To Mattietta he said: "Run along back, Mattietta—it's all right. Don't go to the kitchen," he added, hastily, "not for—some time."

"I bet dey's courtin'," mused Mattietta, who was twelve, and had as yet no opinion of sweethearts and love-making, and-but small knowledge. "I reckon I better go back an' pick up some mo' chips."

In the kitchen the two, now happily certain they were designed for each other from the beginning of time, sat holding hands boldly. "We'll call the emerald the gem of destiny," declared the major, because it brought us together."

"But where'll you hide it so it'll be safe?" worried Kitty. Bob—imagine a live lord named Bob!—laughed happily. "I don't care where the matre hides it in future; but I do know where I'll hide my own jewel of the world—deep in my heart, where no thief can ever, ever find her!" Mattietta, poking her head in the door, muttered disgustedly: "My Lawd—dey ain't thoo courtin' yit!" and fled again to the woodpile.

### Was A. J. Guilty?

When Andrew Jackson was the Democratic candidate in the presidential campaign of 1828, his opponent attempted to capitalize "Old Hickory's" alleged illiteracy. Andrew's education, limited to "readin', 'ritin', an' 'rithmetic," could not be considered extensive, and he was probably a poor speller.

In that memorable campaign, Seba Smith, a humorist who wrote under the name of Major Jack Downing, told a story that undoubtedly popularized an expression but failed to keep the hero of the Battle of New Orleans out of the White House. He asserted that Andrew Jackson, believing "Oll Korrek" was the right spelling for "All Correct," indorsed documents with the false initials, "O. K."

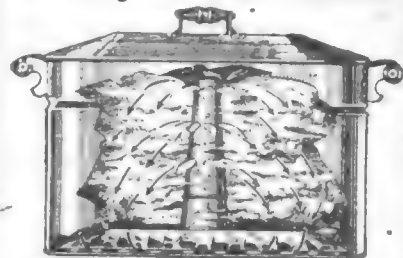
This authorship of the symbol conflicts with another story of its birth, which attributes it to the days when finest wine and tobacco were imported from the Santo Domingo town of Aux Cayes, a French name of which the proper pronunciation is "O. K." As the port supplied quality products, the best of anything, so the story goes, became known by this term.

The origin of O. K. is shrouded in mystery. It may have sprung from the shippers and merchants, or it may have arisen from Andrew Jackson's misspelling of "All Correct."

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## Valve Grinding

ONE of the first jobs of repairing undertaken by the average owner is the grinding of the valves. He reads instructions relative to this operation, and, because the valves play an important part in the performance of the motor, believes that a test of his skill as a repairman rests in the proper seating of the valves. If conditions were ideal, it would be a simple matter to seat a valve. However, there are certain conditions which are prevalent on present-day cars, and the purpose of this article is to set forth some of the conditions for which the workman should search.

If the car was purchased new last season and the valves have not been ground since the job left the factory, the chances are that the seats, especially the exhaust valve seats, will require recutting.

Great demands have been placed on the factories for cars. The public has demanded them and the factories have done their best in an endeavor to satisfy the demand. The result is that in most cases the cylinder castings have not become properly seasoned before machining. In most cases, the hot gases inside the cylinders will distort the valve seats, a condition which no amount of valve grinding will correct.

Usually the dealer from whom you purchased the car has a set of reseating tools which you can borrow, or, if he will not loan them, it will be advisable to have him recut the seats for you.

Next, the position of the valve head to its stem should be determined. If the head is warped it can sometimes be straightened by an expert workman, but in most cases it will be well to buy a new valve. Mechanics test the trueness of a valve by catching the stem in a lathe chuck. However, the average motorist does not have a lathe and in this case he may use a bit brace. The valve stem is caught in the chuck while the other end can be placed on point such as a center punch held between the jaws of a vise. In the majority of cases it will be found that the valve has been recessed in the head to rest on the lathe center in the original machining.

After ascertaining that the valve heads are true with their stems, carefully inspect the valve face. The face of an exhaust valve may show deep pit marks where it has come in contact with the hot exhaust gases. It would require a whole day's grinding to remove these pit marks and it is far better to remove them with a fine file. There are cutters on the market for refacing of valves. The use of a special tool for this work is advisable for the reason that the angle is insured while with a file there is a chance that the angle will change because of the way the file is held. If it is decided upon to purchase a special tool, be certain that you get one of the same angle as the valve. Some valves are 30 degrees, 40 degrees, 45 degrees, etc.

Let us now assume that everything checks up the way it should and we are ready to commence the grinding. In the head of the valve will be found a slot or two small holes. If a slot is there, it will be possible to use a screwdriver blade for the grinding operation or, if the holes appear in the head, look in the tool kit of the car for a wrench having two prongs to engage these holes. If a special wrench is not found, it is a simple matter to make one by heating a flat piece of steel and roughly forging it. By careful use of the file it will be an easy matter to make the wrench fit the valve.

There are several satisfactory valve-grinding compounds on the market, but a good combination is obtained by mixing fine emery dust or ground glass and cylinder oil to paste-like consistency. Smear the face of the valve and its seat with the mixture and rotate the valve back and forth a quarter turn under little pressure until a light silvery line is visible for the entire circumference of the valve face. Among the common mistakes of the attempt to force a valve to seat which is pitted or grooved by exerting pressure. This practice is dangerous, as the valve seat is liable to be cut. It should be borne in mind that the seat and valve should first be cleaned up with special tools if they are pitted or grooved, after which they can be ground in to a perfect register. Some manufacturers of low-priced cars do not grind valves but cut the seat and valve face to a certain angle, place the valve in its seat and then strike the head of valve a blow with a wood mallet.

## Useful Pointers

### Speed Maniacs

Some folks seemed to have gained the impression that in order to have others think of him as a good driver he must frequently show flashes of speed and quick stopping. The school-boy may look upon this type of driver as somewhat of a hero, but to the seasoned motorist he is branded as a "speed maniac." First, it must be distinctly understood that speed does not denote a good driver. No one can get more speed out of a car than is really in it, and by advancing the spark and throttle levers to the limit you obtain speed. It is no art to obtain speed and anyone who cares to advance the levers can get it. The car invariably receives severe pounding and strains during the demonstration of speed and unless you have a deep pocketbook from which to pay the repair bills do not copy after the speed demon.

### Running Car Without Storage Battery

Let us assume that for some reason or other the storage battery has been rendered absolutely useless. By this we mean that it will not furnish sufficient current for ignition purposes. Unless another storage battery can be obtained, there is but one alternative and that is to install a set of dry cells. Remove the storage battery and connect the dry cells in series to the cables which were formerly connected to the storage battery. If possible, it is essential that the generator be rendered inoperative. Many generators have a fuse which can be removed while others have a short-circuiting clip. If, however, it is impossible for the operator to render the generator inoperative, the car should not be driven at a speed greater than seven or eight miles per hour in direct drive. If the distance to be covered is not too great and the motor speed is held as above suggested, the chances are that the generator will not produce sufficient current to injure the windings. Running with the generator unprotected is never recommended except in an emergency. It will be impossible to use the electric starter or burn the lights until the storage battery is replaced.

### Starting on a Hill

Quite frequently a driver will experience considerable difficulty in starting a car which has been stopped on a hill. This is due to the fact that the instant the brakes are released the car

commences to roll down hill and the engaging of the clutch causing the motor to stall. Until a driver has made one or two attempts at starting a car which has stopped on a hill, he is apt to underestimate the factors to be taken into consideration. The proper method of starting under such conditions is to place the engine in operation and then throw out the brake and clutch pedals. The foot brake should be sufficient to hold the car and so the emergency brake should be released. Advance the spark and open the throttle about one third or enough so that the engine just commences to race without the load. Allow the clutch pedal to come back in until you feel a slight drag which would indicate that engagement is very near. Very gradually release the pressure from the foot-brake pedal and at the same time gradually allow the clutch to engage. The point to be remembered is that the clutch engagement must be gradual inasmuch as the engine will be called upon to carry a large load, and sudden engagement would only cause the motor to stall.

### Automobile Locks

It is a common occurrence to pick up a newspaper or automobile magazine and read about some new lock for automobiles which has just been placed on the market. The majority of these locks will prevent theft of the car but some of them have their bad features due to the principle of application. Some of the locks cause the gasoline to be turned off, some prevent the steering gear from being turned, others lock the wheels, ignition, etc. One popular car has an arrangement which locks the transmission, starting motor and floor board in one operation. In the writer's opinion, the locks which prevent the starting of the motor and yet do not prevent the pushing of the car, are very efficient. In case of fire, the car may be saved, providing it can be pushed out of the way. There are several arguments for and against the different kinds of locks. In defence of the lock which prevents the turning of the wheels, it is stated that the arrangement renders the car absolutely thief-proof inasmuch as it cannot be towed away.

### Clear Vision

A preparation consisting of equal parts glycerine and alcohol rubbed on the windshield glass is said to insure a clear vision during a rainstorm. It is claimed that the water will run away the instant it strikes the glass and will not collect in beads as is the case on a windshield which has not been treated.

### Questions Answered

My Ford cylinder head has a crack caused by freezing. Can you tell me of any kind of cement that would stop the leak, or could you recommend some home mixture for this purpose? E. S., Cairo, Okla.

A.—The most satisfactory method of repairing the cracked cylinder head is to have it welded by the oxy-acetylene method. If the job is handled by an expert workman the repair should make the head as good as new. The writer has viewed several jobs which were mended by circulating a preparation in the cooling systems and for several reasons he advises strongly against this method. There are a few cements on the market which harden when exposed to air and which are said to satisfactorily mend cracks. However, due to the expansion and contraction of the metal at the different temperatures, the duration of such a repair is unknown and to feel content to know that the job is done right, you should have the crack welded.

My 1916 model Ford has just lost power because of pistons or piston rings or both being worn. The cylinders are not scored. I had new rings put in last spring, but not oversize. Can I put in oversize rings without reboring the cylinders? Or would it be better to put in oversize pistons? With oversize pistons would I need oversize rings? (2) What is the reason that a spotlight will burn out when the headlights will not? H. F., Grant, Mich.

A.—It is impossible to state whether oversize pistons and rings would prove beneficial. If the cylinder bores have worn oval shape, reboring will prove the only satisfactory remedy. Would suggest that you have the cylinders inspected by an expert workman in your vicinity, and by careful use of calipers he should be able to determine whether the cylinders have worn oval shape and require reboring. The writer would assume that the head and spot lights obtain their current directly from the Ford magneto. If such is the case, the chances are that you are experiencing spotlight trouble due to the fluctuation in the current voltage at different car speeds. There are choke coils which can be purchased at accessory houses which will prevent the voltage rising to an abnormal value. If you will install one of these coils and use a bulb of the correct voltage, I believe your spotlight trouble will be at an end.

POOR COMPRESSION.—Ford, car, 1919 model cylinder No. 4 (rear) develops no power, and No. 3 misses sometimes, though spark is strong. Compression is weaker than in other cylinders. Spitting noticeable when warmed up. Intake valve may be partly clogged or fail to close tight. E. P. G., Windy, W. Va.

A.—You state that cylinder No. 4 develops no power while No. 3 misses some of the time. Would certainly suggest removing the cylinder head and an inspection of the valves. Carefully grind the valves in these cylinders and after replacing the head test the compression. If the compression is still low for these two cylinders you had better remove the pistons and examine the piston rings. Replace them with new ones if necessary to obtain good compression. If you have good compression in these cylinders and the plugs deliver a hot spark there should be plenty of "life" produced by these two balky members, providing the carburetor is adjusted properly.

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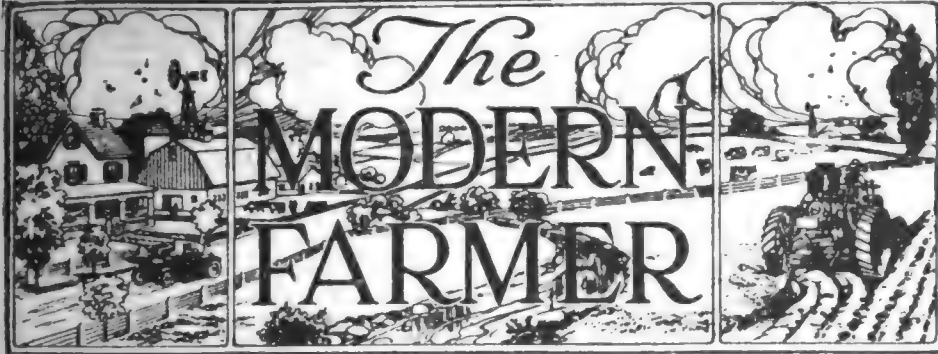
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### Getting Better Growth

First and foremost, one should not expect thrifty pigs from a semi-starved sow that has come through the winter in a stable, without much if any exercise and on a ration of manure pickings, straw, cornstalks, some house slop and little if any grain. Pigs to do well must have right parentage, by which we mean that they should be from graded dams and by a pure-bred sire of a breed suited for pork production, such as the Poland Chinas, Berkshires and Durocs or Jersey Reds, some of the white breeds and the belted Hampshire. If bacon is the specialty, Tamworths and some of the white breeds are specially suitable for that. No matter what breed is chosen, pure blood, at least on the sire's side, will give the pigs a far better start toward early maturity and big weights that can be had by the use of a scrub, grade or razor-back sire.

### Feeding the Selected Hogs

Let every farmer get it out of his head that any young animal can successfully be raised without milk. First there is the milk of the dam and a good yield of that should be insured by generous feeding during pregnancy. That feeding should include clover or alfalfa hay, tankage, dry from a self-feeder to balance any corn that is fed, and some milk or skim milk in addition to ground grain, bran and oilmeal. We do not mean that the sow is to be fed on such feed; but that she is to be kept healthy, thrifty and with enough and to spare for her own use, that of her unborn pigs and to insure milk for their reception. The pigs then should have a succession of green crops to graze with their dam from early spring to autumn, and here slop and self-feeder nutrients should be allowed so that the pigs will gain weight every day. The experiment station of each state will be glad to furnish our readers with special bulletins telling how to feed hogs in each state, according to the climate and the sorts of green crops and other feeds most available there, so that none need lack special scientific advice on such subjects.

### Summer Feeding

The cheapest growths are made on green crops, with other feeds "on the side." Science has shown that milk is absolutely necessary, not from the dam alone, but after weaning to get the best development, and that the grain or seed of any plant is not sufficient for complete nutrition. The seed and leaves and stalks must be fed. For the reason we advocate allowing clover and alfalfa hay when green crop is not available, to round out and balance the ration of milk and meals, with tankage extra. Corn is balanced feed from a self-feeder in combination with the others, and such feeding, with skim milk, whey or butter-milk, twice daily as a drink, will put the hogs onto the market early and weighing heavily.

Hogs also must be kept free from worms. It is worms and a combination of dry, dirty yard, old wallows and bare-bitten old, hog-contaminated pasture, lacking shade and drinking water, that stunts pigs, and such pigs are bred, fed, kept and marketed at a loss. The other sort make "all kinds of money" for their intelligent producer.

### Mutton Lambs for Market

Time was when mutton was not appreciated by the average householder of America; but a great demand and appreciative market has of recent years arisen, especially for choice, well-fed lamb of a mutton breed of sheep. The unpopularity of mutton years ago was attributable largely to the fact that sheep were kept primarily as brush and weed eradicators or scavengers, were of the oily Merino type and not fed off fast to produce meat of fine flavor. Another reason was that sheep often were not slaughtered properly, so that the animal heat was not quickly eliminated, and the meat of such sheep had an unpleasant "sheepy" flavor. Since mutton breeds were introduced, better methods of feeding practiced and sheep kept for the production of hot-house lamb and fat lamb for the June or July market, when green peas are available as a side dish, there is no more attractive or palatable meat. Most people are conceding the fact and paying high prices for lamb of such fine quality.

### The Lambs to Raise

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often is used for such production as it is prolific, breeds early and may even have two crops of lambs a year. The lambs for this special trade are dropped in winter and fed off to arrive in market before grass-fed lambs are ready, and, being comparatively scarce, bring fancy prices for hotel and club table use.

### Uniformity Important

It is highly important that lambs should go to market in the most attractive condition. That never is the case if the breeding stock is mixed. The breeding should be uniform to start with and then the lambs should be selected, lot after lot, as they mature, and so that they will look alike and in the same condition on reaching the market. To have lambs attractive so that they will quickly find an appreciative buyer and price, they should be castrated and docked when two or three weeks old. No undocked lamb should be included in a bunch of market lambs. All "rag tags" and "tatterdemallions" should be excluded. Early docking makes a neat, plump rump and leg of mutton, or gives the hind parts such an appearance. Long tails make all lambs look untidy and at once suggest western or ranch origin where special feeding may not have been given.

Pea-fed lambs of the far west are an exception, as feeders there are making a specialty of the business and have built up a fine reputation for the uniformity and quality of their lambs. Early castration and docking also prevent setback in growth and thrift. Uncut lambs are "docked" as culls and newly altered big lambs are termed "stags" in some markets, and never bring a fancy price.

### Fattening Lambs Fast

To get lambs quickly into condition for the market, one has to start with the sire and dam. Both must be in fine condition at mating time; then the ewe must be well exercised during pregnancy, so that she will not become sick when generously fed roots and silage, clover or alfalfa hay, crushed oats, wheat bran, shelled corn and a little flaxseed meal. The greatest possible care must be taken not to overfatten the ewes, but to keep them muscular and with relaxed bowels as lambing time comes on. So fed and managed, they will have strong lambs and plenty of milk for their reception, and if good feeding then is continued then on a succession of green crops, the lambs will speedily put on flesh and fat and be in fit condition for market and there obtain profitable prices when poorly nourished lambs are making slow progress and never become fit for the choice lamb trade.

### Planning the Pasture

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**W**E haven't had any poetry for ages, have we? So here is a special favorite of mine and one that is particularly appropriate to the season. The writer, Joyce Kilmer, lost his life during the great war, but his poem will live on forever in the hearts of all nature lovers.

"I think that I shall never see  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain,  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree."

**TROUBLED, Ind.**—It isn't necessary for you to renounce all thought of marriage in order to devote your life to "definite work in the service of God," for "motherhood is a partnership with God," and the girl who strives to be a good wife and mother really does a "definite" work. The feeling of superiority you have for the young man in question is due, largely, to your youth and the inability of youth to appreciate true worth. The average girl at some time in her life has that superior feeling. You should be thankful that he is "just a common boy." Some great man once remarked that "God must have loved the common people best because he made so many of them."

**BLUE-EYED BEAUTIES, Minn.**—What should girls of fourteen and fifteen do when their "bobs" go back on them? They should study their grammar, spelling book and dictionary first of all. (2) It isn't proper for girls of your age to have even one fellow, to say nothing of more than one. (3) Men's hearts aren't easily broken, so you are safe enough in refusing to marry someone you don't love. (4) What does it mean when a young man steps on your toes? It means that he is awkward and that you should keep out of his way.

**CHUMS, Ind.**—When two young men, even "handsome and stylish ones," call on two nice girls every Sunday evening all winter and then never take them anywhere, though they go themselves, the girls are justified in seeking more generous sweethearts. "Them's my sentiments."

**SUNSHINE, Ind.**—Your parents are the ones to decide. If they fully approve of your marriage, the time you mention would be exceptionally appropriate. It isn't improper to keep your engagement a secret—if you can.

**FANNIE, N. Mex.**—Men of 41 are supposed to have better judgment than girls of 18, and this man is showing excellent judgment in not allowing your friendship for each other to amount to anything more serious. I agree with your brother that he is too old for you.

**EVA AND GRACE, S. C.**—You must have an indulgent father to let you have men callers at all and he isn't being unreasonable when he insists that they go home at 10.30.

**JOSEPHINE, Mich.**—Go to high school, by all means.

**SWEET SIXTEEN, Wisc.**—If you don't like your widowed brother-in-law and your parents don't like him and he is set in his ways and jealous and won't go to parties with you and doesn't want you to go, why, oh why, do you ask me if you should marry him? It is just as plain as the nose on your face that you shouldn't.

**GERTRUDE, Colo.**—Your mother should know of your friendship with this young man and she is the one to decide whether or not you should continue to receive his attentions. Don't believe anything against him until it is proven. (2) It is very unladylike for girls to scuffle with boys, and still more unladylike to skinny. (3) It isn't wrong for you to give your photograph to boys but it is very unwise. Photographs shouldn't be scattered around recklessly.

**LONELY GIRL, Miss.**—The young man showed good judgment in suggesting that each keep all presents, for the puff box, or whatever he gave you, would be as useless to him as the necktie you gave him would be to you. If you want him to come back again and he wants to, I don't see why it wouldn't be quite all right.

**ELLA III.**—Never mind what your friends say—if you don't want a beau don't have one. Stick to your girl chum until you meet a man who really interests you.

**CHUMS, N. C.**—You don't value yourselves very highly, do you, if you say you are treated nicely by young men who are intoxicated, ever so slightly, when they come to see you? I should consider that an insult. (Wonder where they get it?) You bring unkind criticism upon yourself by associating with them if their associates are regarded as cheap and immoral.

**CURLY HAIR AND BLUE EYES, Ark.**—It is unfair for one girl to try to take another girl's beau, and it would be twice as unfair for two girls to try it; and what would you do with him after you got him? Chop him into two pieces or take turns having him? Be good sports and let her keep him. Maybe you couldn't get him anyway.

**LITTLE BOY, S. C.**—And so you want me to write you a "long, sweet letter." Dearie, I don't write long, sweet letters anyway, and if I were addicted to it, I'd never, never write one to a strange young man. I've always advised my girls not to and while I'm not a shy young thing of sixteen I'm not elderly enough to write a sweet letter to a man of twenty-

eight. If you are that old and don't know how to love a girl, I'm not equal to telling you. Doubtless the old maid you mention would be a better wife than the sixteen-year-old girl who is very beautiful; but stick to one—whichever one you marry.

**M. D. F., Texas.**—Yes, you are too young to have a "sure enough sweetheart," or to know the meaning of love. Don't write any more letters to the boy in question and don't let him kiss you any more. If he wants to know why, tell him frankly and also add that you are too young to care for anyone, and treat his pet names and love making as a joke.

**R. F., Ala.**—I'm not an authority but to my mind a correspondence course in nursing would be impractical and a waste of time. I'd hate to have a correspondence school nurse take care of me if I were seriously ill. Just supposing she got your appendix half out and then mistook her book, Lesson 48, What To Do Next. Most hospitals prefer, and even insist upon, high school graduates, but doubtless there are hospitals that would waive that rule if they found you intelligent and in earnest about the work.

**GERTRUDE, Ga.**—You are too young to marry—even if he has promised to give you "half of his wages every pay day," and you don't love him enough to marry him even if you were older. Just "some" isn't enough.

**BRUNETTE, N. C.**—Parents are usually right and it is up to the young man to clear himself of any false accusations and then they can't object.

**BLONDE, N. C.**—I suppose girls of seventeen have really been in love but the average girl of that age, and sometimes years older, is in love with love and not with the man. If you are of a changeable nature it is better not to marry.

**N. C. TWINS.**—Let them go see the other girls if they want to. Callers three nights a week is three nights too many for high school girls. One evening might not be so worse if your parents don't mind.

**WILD ROSE, Texas.**—I'm not a "sweet old dear," as you seem to think, but I'm sure I'd like to have you hug me. It is better not to write "notes" in school but youngsters will do it. I used to, and I suppose my mother and grandmother did, and doubtless my children would, if I had any. Don't write anything that you wouldn't be willing to have read before the school. I have known teachers to do that.

**IRVINE, Ind.**—If your teacher were to show you marked attention he would be severely criticized by the people and school board and, perhaps, lose his position. He is a wise young man to remain good friends with all the girls.

**GREY-EYED GIRL, Ky.**—If you think that I'll "agree" with you that mothers don't know best "all ways," you have another thing coming. Don't kiss him, even if he is "handsome." Poor little girl! She never had a spelling book or dictionary in all her life, did she?

I've been as mild and springlike as one could wish, haven't I? That's so you'll know I'm not a cross old thing all the time. Why, I really believe I could be induced to go "hanging May-baskets," or do the young people do that any more?

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Mrs. G. G. S. Kensington, Ky.—Have the lumps removed by electricity. This is the only sure cure.

Mrs. J. W. J. Doern, Ga.—For your high blood pressure use five-drop doses of iodide of potassium, well diluted, after meals. Increase this dose by one drop daily. Keep your bowels free, always. Drink plenty of water, and for a short time live on skimmed milk, using a quart of the milk daily, only, and a small amount of well-cooked rice three times a day. Of course you should exercise, and in every way try to promote your peripheral circulation.

Mrs. H. G. G. Clarksville, West Va.—Examination of the urine chemically and microscopically is the only way to determine condition of the kidneys and indirectly the cause of the eye trouble mentioned. Bright's disease does affect the eyes, even to blindness.

Mrs. J. W. R. Knoxville, Tenn.—Your neuritis is due probably to chronic malaria. Take either some three-grain quinine pills or a tablespoonful of Warburg's tincture in water after meals. The latter remedy is to be preferred.

Miss M. M. Fresno, Cal.—You had better have the hemorrhoids operated on at once, and, in the meantime, drink plenty of good spring water and take for the acidity of the urine, which causes the frequent urination, three-grain doses of urotropin after meals.

Mrs. L. G. Clarksville, Mo.—Have your back ironed with the flatiron. First apply to the back three or four thicknesses of flannel which have been soaked in hot mustard water, then apply the hot iron sufficiently to steam the back without burning the skin. For the rheumatic condition and pain in the legs, back, etc., use five-grain doses of salicylate of soda after meals. Drink plenty of good spring water—not less than two quarts a day.

Mrs. H. D. Fay, Okla.—You had better consult a specialist for the baby. He is not getting the proper food and this can only be determined by actual examination and then several changes of food must be tried to get the right one in a given case.

Miss B. J. Taylor, Texas.—Use five-grain tablets of urotropin, after meals, for the frequent urinating.

Miss G. S. Clarissa, Minn.—Have the warts removed by electricity. This is the best way and leaves no scar.

Mrs. C. S. Caro, Mich.—If you have not had your eyes examined under a mydriatic, such as atropine sulphate, you should have your eyes re-examined in this way. Then, if your eyes still trouble you, maybe you have some muscular insufficiency and your eyes do not focus at a fixed point when you read or sew. Muscular insufficiency is one of the great causes of eye strain, and must be corrected by prisms or operation.

Mrs. M. M. Columbus, Ohio.—You should have all the spots mentioned removed at once either with the actual cautery or the carbon dioxide snow. Of course, this can only be done by some local surgeon. The "returning scab" on the nose is important, and should have immediate attention.

Mrs. E. B. K. Ch., Rhode Island.—Have your blood examined and find out if you have acquired any blood disease. If so, be treated for the blood trouble and you will be all right again.

Mrs. W. E. LaG., Potsdam, N. Y.—Your numbness may be due to high blood pressure. Have your blood pressure taken, and find out the condition as existing along this line. In the meantime take one compound cathartic pill at night and rub the offending limb before retiring.

Mrs. G. W. C. Hinton, Okla.—For the eczema on the back of your husband's hand use Lassar's paste, to which has been added, thirty grains to the ounce of the paste, boracic acid. Apply at night, and only three times a week. Of course, your husband must live on a simple diet, such as milk and rice, and drink plenty of water.

Mrs. J. P. Butte, Mont.—Mucous colitis is not dangerous. It comes from intestinal fermentation. You might try American oil in teaspoonful doses with your meals. Of course, you will not eat anything that you know disagrees with you.

Mrs. J. P. DeLozier, Mo.—As your health improves, your busts should return to their normal size. There is no real bust developer better than gentle massage of the bust with cocoa-butter.

Mrs. J. A. C. Alexandria, La.—Chronic malaria, as you surmise, is the cause of your run-down condition. The one best tonic and remedy for you is Warburg's tincture. You might take a tablespoonful in water after meals.

Miss D. W. R. Marion, Dak.—Remove the blackheads with the comedo extractor, then apply compound lotio alba to the parts, after having bathed the parts in very hot water.

Mrs. A. H. M. Kinde, Mich.—The only successful way to remove the birthmark is to have it removed by the use of the actual cautery, in competent hands, or the use of compound iodine snow by a skilled physician.

Mrs. I. M. Okmulgee, Okla.—Operation for the bunions would cure them at once and that, too, without danger.

Miss N. B. Clay City, Ky.—American oil can be obtained at any good drug store.

Mrs. N. F. Kite City, Ga.—For excessive sweating and tenderness of the feet, bathe them at night in an eight per cent lotion of salicylic acid. Go without stockings for a while to harden the skin and close up, in a measure, the sweat glands of the feet.

Mrs. C. E. B. Hallstead, Pa.—For the itching, apply eruption, wash the skin with soda water. Apply to spots a lotion of two per cent resorcin. Dissolve the resorcin in equal parts of grain-alcohol and water.

Mrs. J. W. Milford, Ill.—For the itching under the arms, apply Lassar's paste to the parts at night.

Mrs. A. B. R. Cilmex, N. C.—Have the enlarged tonsils removed. An enucleation is the best thing for them.

Mrs. F. E. Huron, S. Dak.—For the pimples, bathe the face in very hot water and apply lotio alba to the face. Any drugist has the formula and can make it up for you.

Miss E. C. Grey, Ky.—Have the child's tonsils removed at once and save future ear and throat trouble.

Mrs. F. E. T. Ballingerville, Va.—Just ask your drugist for a mixture of rhubarb and soda, and take a teaspoonful after meals.

## Driven Apart

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15.)  
By chance the shifty lawyer had encountered Neil. Trenwyck had joined the throng which was hurrying toward the ferry, bound across the bay. Drawing the man apart, Neil surveyed him fiercely.

"I thought, up to last night," faltered the lawyer, paling under the hostile look the other gave him, "that you had lost your life in that Sutter Street house."

"Oh, you did!" returned Neil. "And what caused you to change your opinion?"

"I called at your cousin's, on Nob Hill, and—saw your mother. She told me that you had escaped, and were even then in your cousin's house."

"What else did my mother tell you?" demanded Neil. The lawyer hesitated, and the young man leaned toward him and hissed: "You had better be frank with me, Trenwyck. You are well enough acquainted with the law to know that, for crimes such as you and Gorsline have committed, you can be brought to account. What else did my mother tell you?"

"Why, that Beryl Gray—" interrupted Neil. "Mrs. Preston, if you please," interrupted Neil. "She told me, then, that your wife and a dark-complexioned girl, who looked like a Mexican, had called at the house just before I came. She had told them that you had gone to Oakland—"

"To Oakland!" exclaimed Neil, with white lips. "Could his mother, whom he revered in spite of her haughty pride, have descended to such a heartless subterfuge as that?"

"Yes," went on the lawyer glibly. "The two girls had just gone away, she said, and she wanted me to follow them and learn where they went."

"You followed them?" asked Neil, a savage glint in his eyes. "Your mother's wish, Mr. Preston, is law to me."

"It means money to you as well, you cowardly spy! Go on! You followed my wife and her friend. Where did they go?"

The lawyer had followed them, picking up the trail every time he lost it, and finally watching while the soldier conducted them to a tent in Lafayette Park. He had reconnoitered the tent, and was busy with his nefarious work when a soldier discovered him and fired a shot. Trenwyck escaped the bullet, glided through the shadows to a large tree in the center of the park, and to the trunk affixed one of a number of cards which he was carrying in his pocket. Then he had vanished into the night.

"I do not know where they went," replied the lawyer, "but I believe they have gone to Oakland."

Neil glared into the man's eyes. "Trenwyck, I believe you are lying!" he cried. "So help me Heaven, Mr. Preston—"

Before the lawyer could finish, Preston had grabbed him by the throat. The man stumbled from the suddenness of the attack and fell into the street.

"Get up!" ordered Preston curtly, releasing the man and rising to his own feet.

As the lawyer arose, Preston's eyes alighted on two cards which lay on the stones and had fallen from Trenwyck's pocket. The lawyer recovered them hastily—his very haste arousing Neil's suspicions. Catching the man's hand, Neil wrenched one of the cards away.

On the square piece of pasteboard was the following:

"BERYL: If you see this, come at once to 149 J Street, Oakland. You will find me there, lonely and heartbroken."

Neil was furious. His hand clenched as though he would deal the scoundrelly lawyer a blow, and the other cringed before him and abjectly cried out for mercy.

"You contemptible cur!" shouted Neil. "I could kill you for this piece of treachery!"

"Be careful, sir!" said the lawyer, pitifully frightened. "Don't forget that I saved your life in that Sutter Street house!"

"You did that through cowardice! You shirked consequences that Gorsline was willing to face. What have you been doing with these cards?"

"Posting them in the different refugee camps."

"Did—did my mother—"

"The words froze on his lips. "Your mother had nothing to do with it, and does not know anything about it."

"For whom are you acting? Whose base plan is this? Tell me," Neil commanded, his voice tense and fraught with terrible meaning, "and be sure you speak the truth."

"Berdene," replied Trenwyck.

"That monster! That inhuman scoundrel! He is in Oakland?"

"Yes."

"And he would lure my darling there! Oh, the infamous wretch!"

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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

L. V., Pennington, Texas.—If all the poetry which is being written in the United States could be turned into money it would create a fund sufficient to pay interest on the nation's Liberty Bonds. Unfortunately, there is no market for this flood of verse; magazines use little or none, and newspapers when they print rhyme do so generally without reimbursing the poet—or causing him to be in any way punished. We are sorry that we can offer you no more encouragement than these hard facts, nor offer you aid in turning your verses into useful cash.

W. A. H., Broughton, Ill.—President Wilson's Cabinet has been one of many changes, which have not yet ceased. At present writing, the make-up of the President's advisors is as follows: Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby of New York; Secretary of Treasury, David F. Houston of Missouri; Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker of Ohio; Secretary of Navy, Josephus Daniels of North Carolina; Secretary of Interior, John Barton Payne of Illinois; Secretary of Agriculture, R. T. Merrieth of Iowa; Secretary of Labor, William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania; Secretary of Commerce, Joshua W. Alexander of Missouri; Attorney-General, A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania; Postmaster-General, Albert S. Burleson of Texas.

P. P., Beaver Dam, Ky.—See answer to W. A. H., Broughton, Ill., in this column.

N. R., Briercrest, Sask.—The bride should have the articles marked with the initials of her full maiden name. (2) The same thread may be used as for ordinary yokes.

G. B., Gilman, Ia.—Students at the U. S. Naval Academy are styled midshipmen. Five midshipmen are allowed for each Senator and Representative and appointment is made after competitive examinations, the holding of which is entirely in the hands of the Senator and Representative having the power. You should therefore apply directly to your Senator or Congressman, telling him that you would like to try the next examination he holds for Annapolis appointments. Sometimes these Senators and Representatives will nominate without holding these examinations. You will understand that securing a nomination through your Senator or Congressman does not mean that you become at once a midshipman. It is necessary that you pass the rather difficult Annapolis entrance examinations, which are held twice a year—on the first and third Wednesdays in February and on the second Wednesday in April. You would have to be not less than sixteen nor more than twenty years of age on April 1st of the year you enter the academy. You must pass a satisfactory physical examination and comply with certain height and weight requirements, depending upon your age at entrance. If you wish, you may write the Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., for further information.

M. M., Kenton, Tenn.—We cannot refer you to any firm dealing in "mineral rods," because we have often explained in this column that such devices are useless frauds. The only gold they find is that in the pockets of credulous buyers who give up hard-earned money to possess something which has no "divining" qualities whatsoever. Fortunes are not found at the end of a stick—no matter how the stick is named—but they are found as the result of honest, persistent work, done without a hope of getting something for nothing.

M. R., Tecumseh, Kans.—See answer to M. M., Kenton, in this column.

D. V. J., Yulee, Fla.—See answer to M. M., Kenton, Tenn., in this column.

A HOMESEEKER, Middle Brook, Ark.—The climate of Oregon is distinctly a salubrious one, and the winters are not severe. This is particularly true of that part of the state known as the Rogue River section, where much fruit, grapes being a heavy crop, is raised. West of the Cascade Mountains is the Willamette Valley, which is sixty miles wide by a hundred and fifty long. The land of this valley is extremely fertile, and lumber is produced from trees of gigantic size. Toward the coast there is a very heavy rainfall of 70 to 80 inches. This rainfall is greatly reduced in the central and eastern portions of the state. Oregon has made great strides in the past decade, having been aided by her natural resources and the enterprise of her progressive citizens.

K. H., Hightown, Va.—No; girls are not employed to drive taxicabs and motorbuses in the cities of this country. Neither are girls taking up cattle herding as a profession in the West. We are sure you will find milder occupations than these, and ones whose duties will be much more pleasant.

Mrs. S. L. J., Bonifay, Fla.—The only way you can possess a "coat of arms" is to employ a professional genealogist to search out the far roots of your family and see if you are entitled to any heraldic device. Quite a few good Americans, one of whom was Abraham Lincoln, have found no difficulty in existing creditably without borrowing from old Europe for ancient and outworn devices, so do not be discouraged if a search should show you that you were not entitled to share the arms of European knighthood or nobility.

Mrs. G. M. E., Gramplan, Pa.—So far, medical science has developed no successful method of dealing with cancer. The knife gives the only results which are temporarily sure. Radium has been used experimentally by various of our large medical institutions, and it has been thought that the rays of the new mineral had in some instances beneficial effects. We can only suggest that if your relative is afflicted with this unfortunate disease, she place herself in the best of some of our large city hospitals for treatment or operation such as the physicians may think best.

W. T. H., Dorena, Mo.—Arkansas is a splendid agricultural state, being well-watered by numerous streams and with an average rainfall of about 45 inches. The summer season is long and the winters short and mild. The eastern part of the state is low and level, containing a great deal of land which has been drained. Much of this land is used for rice culture. The central and western parts of the state are hilly and diversified. There are only 300,599 acres of vacant public land in the state of Arkansas. Regarding this, write to B. F. Squires, Register of U. S. Land Office, Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. J. C. R., Narrows, Ala.—The occurrence of the five Sundays in February which are in this year's calendar will not take place again until 1948.

B. L. S., Starkey, Ore.—Common solder should not be used for the repair of your galvanized tank. You should procure what is known as "soft solder" for this purpose.

## Business

The tall-ender of the sales force who had been sitting around hoping that business would spruce up, put this question to the star salesman of his concern:

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You can easily prevent hair from falling, and you can make it grow thick and luxuriant by a very simple method. The invigorator is made by adding one ounce of beta-quinol to a half pint of water and a half pint of bay rum. If you prefer you may use a full pint of witchhazel instead of the water and bay rum. The beta-quinol may be procured for fifty cents at any drug store.

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Mrs. P. W., Minnesota.—We are of the opinion that the laws of your state provide aid to a widowed mother with children under 14 years of age, who on account of poverty is unable to care properly for her dependent or neglected children, but who in all other respects is a fit guardian for such children; we think the application should be made to your county court; we think the amount of such allowance would depend upon circumstances not stated in your communication.

Mrs. H. G., Washington.—Remarriage by either party, during the lifetime of the husband or wife in case there is no divorce, is illegal and would subject the guilty party to punishment for bigamy.

Mrs. J. M. N., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving a surviving widow and children, the widow would receive a dower of one-third interest for life in his real estate and one-third of the personal property absolutely; the balance going in equal shares to his children; the share of the widow in the personal property would, upon his subsequent death, without a will, go to her children, but her dower in the real estate would die with her, and the remainder interest in such property would revert to her husband's children; the shares of the heirs at law and next of kin are subordinate to the claims against the estate and the expenses of administration; we think a claim for the care and nursing of the wife is a probable claim against the husband's estate; we think it would simplify matters for the man you mention to adjust the amount of pay the woman who attends his wife is to receive, while he is living, as such claims are often a cause of expense if left for settlement afterwards.

Mrs. A. W., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving no child or descendant, his widow would receive one-half of his estate, the balance going to his parents, brothers and sisters, depending upon who is left; if none such, the whole estate would go to the surviving widow. (2) We do not think you can, by will, bar your husband from a one-half interest in your real estate in Kansas, provided he survives you and provided he at sometime since the marriage has been a resident of that state.

R. S. P., Texas.—If your husband deserted you, without a good cause, we think you are legally entitled to support from him; we think, however, that it will be necessary for you to locate him before you can enforce your claim.

Mrs. N. L., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that in case of the separation of the parents, the custody of the children is a question for the court to decide after the submission of evidence as to what would be for the best interest of such children. (2) Under the laws of your state, children may be disinherited by will.

J. H., Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving a surviving widow and three children, his widow would receive certain small allowances from the personal property and in addition thereto one-third of the real and personal estate, the balance going in equal shares to his children.

Mrs. M. C., Washington.—Under the laws of Missouri, we are of the opinion that if the property you mention stood in your father's name, it would have been necessary for your mother to have survived him to have acquired any vested interest therein, and that upon her death before the death of your father, he had a legal right to dispose of the property.

L. B., Wyoming.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the title to a deed to property would not affect the grantee's title to the property, unless such title was attacked by the holder of a subsequent deed in the hands of a bona-fide purchaser without notice; we think, however, there must be a delivery of such deed in order to make it valid.

Mrs. G. W., Montana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if your father left no will, his property, after payment of debts and expenses, would go one-third to your mother and the balance in equal shares to his children, the share of any minor child being paid to a general guardian; we think an administrator should be appointed to administer the estate under bond, and upon the expiration of the proper period for such administration, the administrator could be compelled to account and to pay over the shares to the persons entitled to receive them.

F. E. D., Iowa.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the estate of an intestate would go one-third to the surviving spouse and the balance in equal shares to the children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share; if such intestate leaves no surviving spouse and no child or descendant, we think his estate would go to his parents.

W. H. P., North Carolina.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that such real estate as stands in your husband's name will, upon his death, if he leaves no will, go to his daughter by the former marriage subject to your right of dower of a one-third interest for life; in case you survive him, you would also be entitled to certain allowances from his personal property and in addition thereto a one-third interest absolutely. We do not think your son by a former marriage will have any interest in your husband's estate, unless some provision is made for him by will.

W. F. B., Colorado.—If the firm from which you purchased the goods you mention refuses to either return your money or send you the goods, we think you should make your complaint to the postal authorities.

F. M. S., Texas.—We are of the opinion that the laws of Alabama require that a will be witnessed by two competent uninterested witnesses in order to make the same a valid will, that children may be disinherited, and that the grounds upon which a contest of a will may be based are, lack of testamentary capacity, undue influence, that the will was not legally drawn or executed or that it did not express testator's true intent; if, however, the will you mention was proved a long period of years ago, we think you will now have difficulty in setting same aside, unless you can conclusively establish some fraud in connection therewith. We do not think the holder of the first mortgage against the property you mention can be compelled to pay the second mortgage upon the property, unless there is some circumstance in connection with the transaction not stated in your communication to us.

A. E. B., Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a second mortgage is subordinate in lien to the first mortgage upon the property, and that its value is entirely dependent upon the value of the property and the amount of the first mortgage; if the property has sufficient value to pay the entire lien of the first mortgage with enough left over to meet the second mortgage claim, the second mortgage would, of course, be all right, but in loaning upon a second mortgage you should bear in mind that the first mortgage may be enforced against the property at some inopportune time or under disadvantageous circumstances or in some manner in which the property might sell for much less than its true value. (2) We think that a promissory note would be a proper claim to be proved against a decedent's estate, unless there is some circumstance in connection with the note affecting its validity.

L. H., Wisconsin.—If your father will give you a vested remainder interest in his property, such interest can be disposed of by you, by will or otherwise, or if undisposed of at the time of your death the same will go to your heirs at law or next of kin, even though you do not live until the life estate falls in; the

period of enjoyment would not, however, be hastened by your death, as neither you nor your legal representatives would be in a position to enjoy the estate until the termination of the life estate. Wills of this nature cannot be too carefully drawn as the question of the vesting of remainders is very puzzling and there is a great deal of law upon the subject. You should have the will in question examined by some competent and experienced lawyer in order to determine whether your interest in the estate is a vested one, not subject to being divested upon your death in case you should predecease the life tenant.

S. P., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the wife's acknowledgment to a deed, where the same is necessary, must be made in the absence of her husband, and made upon her declaration that the same is made of her own free will, and that the officer taking such acknowledgment must certify that she made such declaration to him.

M. J. S., Nebraska.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the child, by a former marriage, of the first wife of the man who died, would have very little chance of proving a claim against the estate of the man who died, based upon the fact that the mother of such child gave this man her share of her former husband's estate at the time of her marriage to this man who has recently died.

J. N. H., Oklahoma.—An examination of your local records, and a knowledge of the facts in connection therewith, would be necessary in order to determine whether you hold a good title to the land you mention.



"Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners."—Bishop Middleton.

Through the columns of this department free information pertaining to Etiquette, Personal Appearance and kindred subjects will be given in answer to questions by our subscribers, but not more than two questions to the same subscriber. Address Etiquette Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine, and give your own full name and address. Name will not be published.

M. W., Adrian, Minn.—In your conversation with your physician, give him his professional title and address him as "Doctor" or "Doctor Blank." Your nurse should speak to you as "Miss Dash."

N. F. K., Martinville, O.—It is neither correct nor graceful for a girl to sit with her legs crossed. However, in these days when women smoke, vote and serve on juries, they may yet demand the right to put their feet up on the back of a chair and a black cigar in their mouth.

ONE IN DOUBT, Oneida, N. Y.—You may wear your veil at your church wedding. (2) A wedding gown would be a poor affair without a proper train.

WANT TO KNOW.—We do not see how you can wear your engagement ring if you do not mean to announce your engagement. (2) The enclosure of an "at home" card with the wedding announcement means that the bride and groom will be glad to see at their new home those to whom the cards go. (3) We do not know upon just what terms you are with this stepmother who "does not love" you; we therefore cannot tell you how you may decide this last inquiry.

Mrs. M. C., Swanton, Vt.—In the case you mention, if your husband objects to this man and does not wish you to write to him, we believe you should promptly cease the correspondence. That the man is your cousin has no particular bearing on the matter. If you care for your husband and the happiness of your new home, you should be glad to comply with your husband's wish in the matter.

I. K., Livermore, Ky.—The electric needle for the removal of hair from the skin may only be employed by a competent dermatologist such as may be found in the large cities. Useful and fairly successful compounds for the removal of superfluous hair may be purchased at any good pharmacy. (2) If you have your graduation frock white and simple and girlish, you need not worry if it be the most "stylish" one on the stage, for you will be sure to look happy and charming in it.

SUNBEAM, Hubbard, Texas.—No girl should marry at sixteen, which is yet a schoolgirl age. Stick to your schoolbooks for three or four years more, and you will be a better and happier wife when you do marry.

F. D., Delafield, Ill.—If your parents have no objections to this young man, you may permit him to act as your escort home from church and other affairs.

B. B., Charleroi, Pa.—A young man should escort a girl from her home to a "show," and not ask her to meet him in front of the place of entertainment.

A DULL BOY, Twitty, Texas.—It is often a dangerous and unhappy experiment to leave a good farm home expecting to find an easier and better life in the city. In your case, however, you are legitimately restless, and soon free to go if you wish. Your earlier education should help you some toward making your way in town—where, you must remember, you will meet the competition of the thousands there and those constantly arriving. We suggest that you definitely plan for a trial trip to the new life—and do not shake yourself loose entirely from your big farm which you have helped to earn.

IN TROUBLES, Palmer, Tenn.—You should be paying no serious attention to a girl of fourteen, and we cannot imagine why her parents "do not object," as you say. That this child slapped your face while in a rage, is no evidence that she might not make a very good-tempered wife when five or ten years older.

BLUE EYES, Texas.—Yes, a bride may wear her engagement ring at the ceremony.

J. W. McC., Lancaster, Ky.—All we can say about a young lady writing you a letter and using both red and black ink, is that she showed rather poor taste, but that she meant something more sentimental than if she had used plain black alone. (2) A girl of seventeen who will "engage her company" to two young men for the same Sunday afternoon is simply arranging the ground for a lively Sabbath—provided the two young men furnish the proper entertainment.

PEGGY, Hickory, N. C.—Sixteen is too young for lovers or love letters. From letters received, this department knows how many unhappy marriages have occurred where the girl was too young to know her own mind—and found it out too late. Marriage is a serious game and not to be played at by children.

BESSIE, Hickory, N. C.—You may have just as many "beaux" at one time as you wish—or there are in Hickory. (2) If you are in the habit of calling this boy by his first name, do so in your letter and say, for instance, "My dear Jack." If not, you must say, "My dear Mr. Blank." A proper close is, "Sincerely,"

SAD AND SORRY, Westerhelm, N. D.—If you have apologized to this young man for your conduct, and he still chooses to act as if he had grievance against you, we can only class him as a bad-tempered chap that you will be well rid of. You certainly cannot make him cease being angry if he is determined to nurse his grievance.

C. M. and M. R., Riviera, Texas.—Girls of thirteen should not be going to dances nor should they go to any entertainment away from home unless carefully chaperoned. You are but children, and must obey your parents in every way. Stick to your schoolbooks for the next few years and let the boys wait. There will be always plenty of these young animals.

HAPPY WANDA, Westerhelm, N. D.—No, a boy must not kiss you while dancing with you nor at any other time. Tell him this and make him see that you mean it. You are too young to be considering a serious love affair or an engagement.

LITTLE THIRTEEN, Garden City, Mo.—When a young man is presented to you at a dance or anywhere else, offer your hand with a bow, a smile and a "How do

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you do?" This will be quite sufficient and no stilted phrases are necessary.

THOUBLED, Westerhelm, N. D.—You are right in believing the "shimmy" to be an improper dance, and you made a mistake in taking any part in it as you did.

C. H., Cabot, Ark.—It is hard for us to advise you regarding your sticking to this suitor who does not seem to have any very clear intention of marrying. We would suggest that you give him one or two rather strong hints that you believe considerable time has been wasted, and if this fails, try dropping him for a while and letting him see that you receive attention from someone else. Perhaps this might wake him up.

Mrs. J. B. L., Milford, Texas.—A woman of twenty-five who is five feet, nine inches in height, should weigh 147 pounds. You are therefore considerably overweight. Any shades of brown and the darker shades of blue should be becoming to your type.

BROWN EYES and BOBBIE, Everton, Ark.—Young girls should not go any distance away from their own homes unchaperoned. Leap Year has nothing to do with the matter. (2) Yes, you may substitute another escort when the influenza takes away your first suitor.

Sis, West Virginia.—Should conditions at night require it, a young man may offer his arm to the young lady he is escorting. He might say: "I think you had better take my arm."

L. O., Cordell, Ky.—Yes, you may ride a horse to church with your girl friend and this boy. And you may ask this boy in to dinner, if you like.

P. G., Linn Creek, Mo.—Why should you worry about "remaining true" to a man you say you "don't even like"? Let him go and wait and see if this wealthy suitor does not really prove "his goodness." We cannot tell you if he loves you. The difference in your ages is not insurmountable by any means.



# Have You Made Your Mother's Dreams Come True? Are You the Strong, Successful Iron Man She Expected You To Be?

or are Worry, Work and Ill-Health Sapping the Iron From Your Blood and Robbing You of the Prizes that Come With Health and Success? Physician Explains Why So Many Men of To-day Need the Help of

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Every mother has dreams for her son. And whether it be the mother of the prize-fighter or the statesman, she is equally proud when HE wins. She thinks of HER struggle from the very start to nourish the tiny babe into rugged boyhood—then to build up his health, brawn and brain to fight the battles of young manhood. She did HER best to teach him what health and strength meant in the race for success, and the boy who was able to hold fast to her teachings is today in a position of power.

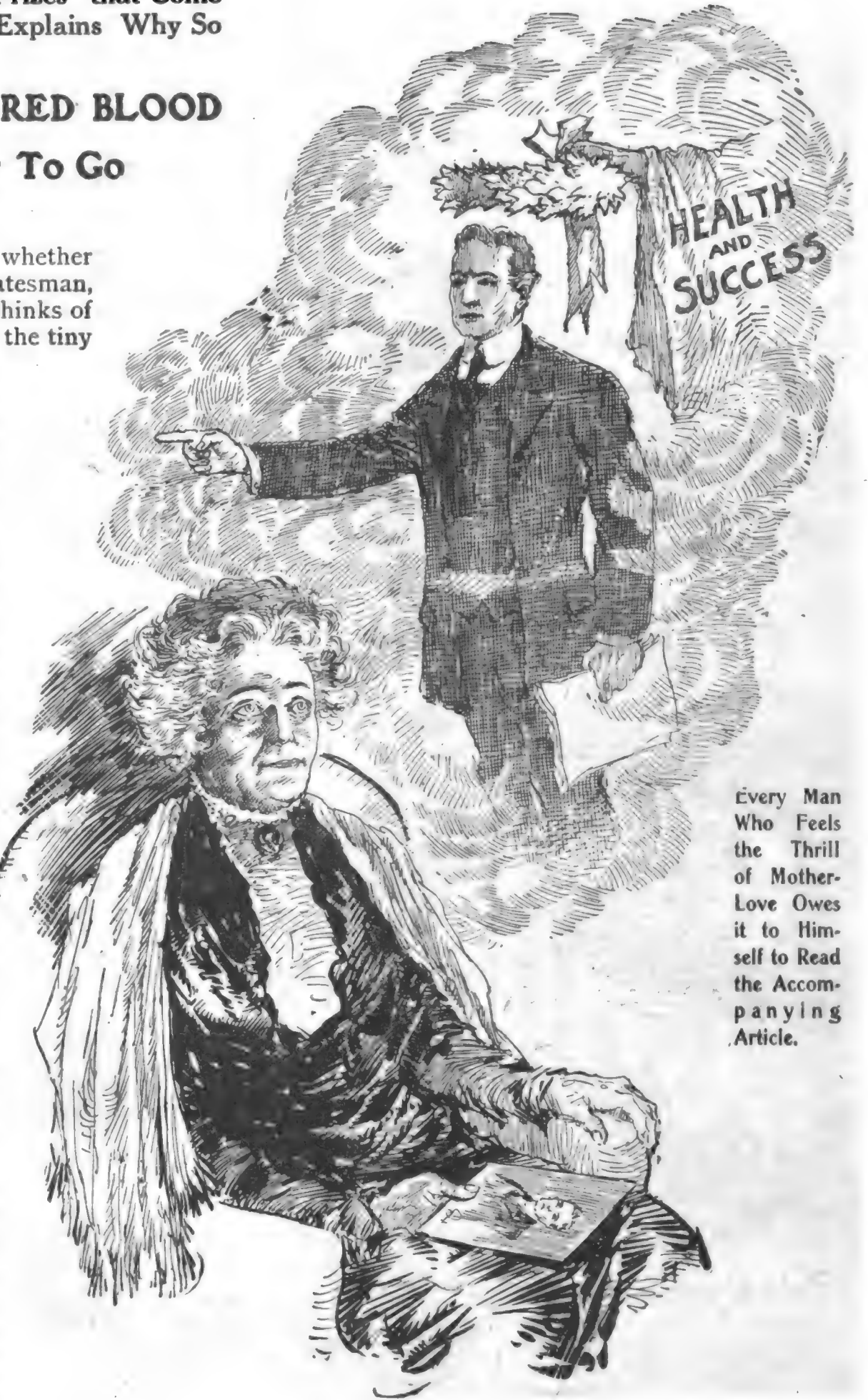
But there are thousands whose love for their mother is just as deep—thousands who wear the white carnation on Mothers' Day—thousands who never fail to write home—YET they would hesitate to answer the question, "Have You Made Your Mother's Dreams Come True?"—simply because in the mad rush for the Success which they knew would make HER proud, they have slipped up on one point. They have neglected her oft' repeated words: "Look to Your Health First, My Boy." In pushing their mental energies to the limit without the physical strength to back them up, they have allowed worry, work and ill-health to sap the iron from their blood and leave them weak, nervous and run-down. These men are as anxious to get ahead as anyone else but they do not realize that iron is absolutely essential to the greatest development of physical and mental power. But in the wear and tear of modern day life when their forces are constantly drawn upon, they are without the sustaining strength produced by the nourishing foods and outdoor sports of boyhood days that kept up the supply of iron in their blood. Unless they supply this iron deficiency now, they cannot hope to have the rich, red blood that sends fires of energy through body and brain and makes men get ahead. Yet, to take the wrong form of iron may prove worse than useless and therefore physicians below explain why they prescribe only organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for red blood, strength and endurance.

"It is the men of blood and iron who will forge ahead in the business and political life of the country today," says Dr. T. Alphonsus Wallace, a physician of many years' experience and formerly of the British Naval Medical Service. "Without iron there can be no strong, red-blooded men, and unless this strength-giving iron is obtained from the foods we eat, it must be supplied in some form that is easily absorbed and assimilated. For this purpose I always recommend organic iron—Nuxated Iron—which by enriching the blood and creating new blood cells, strengthens the nerves, rebuilds the weakened tissues and helps to instill renewed energy into the whole system whether a person is young or old. In my opinion, Nuxated Iron is the most valuable tonic, strength and blood-builder any physician can prescribe."

Dr. John J. Van Horne, former Medical Inspector and Clinical Physician on the Board of Health of New York City, says, "To help build stronger, healthier men and women, better able physically to meet the problems of everyday life, I believe that physicians should, at every opportunity prescribe organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for in my experience it is one of the best tonic and red blood builders known to medical science."

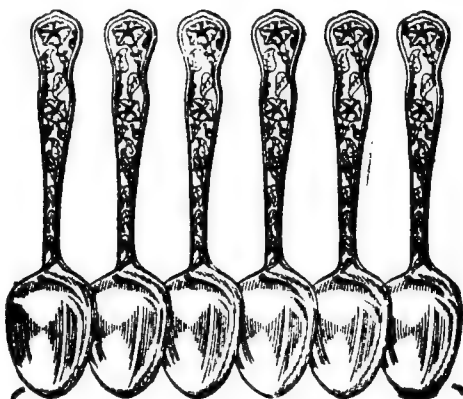
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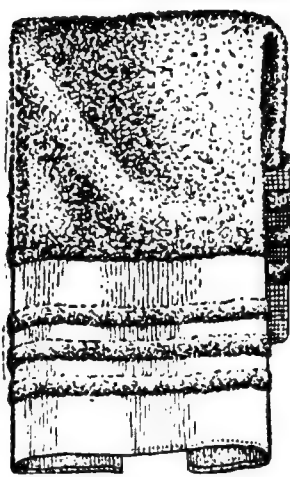
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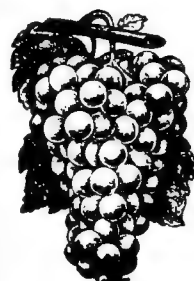
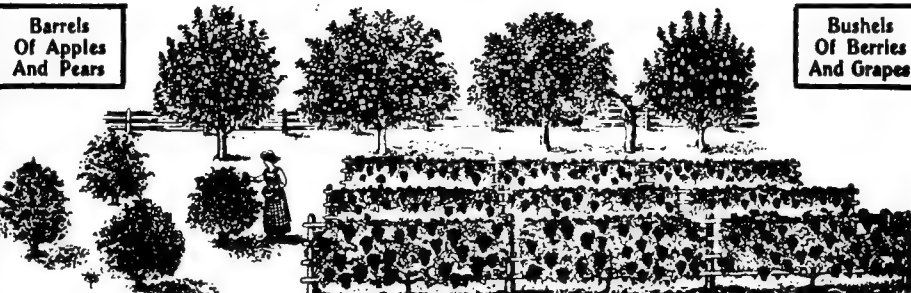
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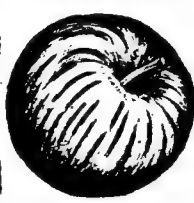
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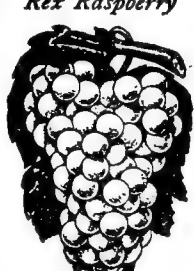
Concord Grape



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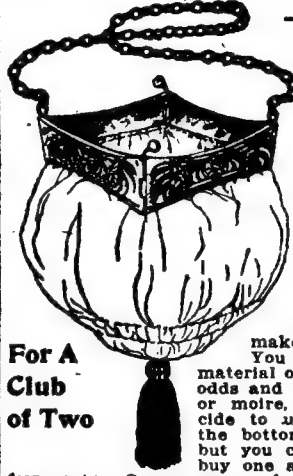


Lucretia Dewberry



Snow Apple

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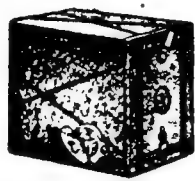
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**Book No. 25** tells how to make knitted and crocheted ripple sweaters and jackets with and without sleeves. Thirteen different styles to choose from and every one a beauty. The stitches are shown in full-page photographs, with full instructions, while the finished articles are also shown by photographs on living models.

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**Book No. 27** illustrates and tells how to make twelve elaborate medallion arrangements in camisoles and yokes. A feature of this book is the two-page photograph of a beautiful Brassiere or dress trimming. The motifs for yokes include a pretty squared daisy, snowflake, round knot-stitch, pin-wheel, leaf and cross, pineapple, star flower, sunflower, square knot-stitch and round daisy.

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## The Modern Farmer

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There is nothing better than green corn. The large evergreen varieties are the best. The corn should be planted alongside the pasture so that it can be cut and thrown over the fence, handily. Of if there is a small lot of a few acres to turn into, there is nothing better than oats and peas for summer pasture. The cattle can be turned onto this as soon as the peas begin to pod and the oats are heading out. Such a pasture will last for three or four weeks, if large enough, and this will give the "old pasture" a chance to pick up, provided, of course, there are seasonable rains. Otherwise, when the oats and peas are gone, the sweet corn will be ready to cut. Feeding of sweet corn can begin as soon as the ears are well formed, even before the corn is large enough for roasting ears.

### Other Summer Feeds

Summer silage put up the season before is now largely fed. Green clover, alfalfa or green hay are often fed in the barn but this method is rather expensive because so much hauling and handling is required. However, even then it is cheaper in the long run than it is to let the cows dry up in milk and run down in flesh for want of feed.

### Clover Silage

In the humid regions it is difficult in wet seasons to cure clover hay. The farmers in these sections have solved this problem by cutting the green clover directly into the silo. They can then begin feeding clover in the barn as soon as feeds get short. Don't let the livestock go hungry in fly time. Plan the pasture now.

### Profit in Pigs

Every farmer ought to raise a few pigs, yet there are many farmers in this country, and even in the great grain belt of the Middle West, who do not raise their own meat. They may even raise hogs for market and then buy the majority of their meat. This is a waste, as a little careful thought on the subject will clearly prove.

### Why Farmers Should Produce Own Meat

The chief reason why farmers should raise their own meat is that it is economical to do so. Live hogs are now selling around 14 cents a pound at the farm; that is \$14 for a hundred pounds live weight. A hundred pounds live weight will make from 75 to 80 pounds of dressed weight or be worth about 18 cents a pound dressed at the farm.

The cost of dressing is no more than the cost of delivering to the local market so that if the farmer now raises his own pork it will be worth to him about 18 cents a pound. Prices on pork produced at the local butcher shops vary all the way from 25 cents for the cheaper cuts up to 50 cents a pound for choice bacon and 75 cents a pound for boiled ham. Pork products that the farmer buys back from the local butcher cost him at least twice what he received for them.

### The Reasons Why

There are several good reasons why the price is doubled on his pork after it leaves the farm before it gets back to his table again. In the first place, there is a local dealer who must have pay for his time, rent and other expenses, and the risk he takes against loss in handling the farmers' hogs. Then there is the freight that must be paid to the central market. Here another commission is paid to a commission man who sells the hogs to the packer.

All these items added together increase the price from two to three cents a pound. Besides the hogs have shrunk in weight on the way to market, so that by the time the meat is hung on the packers' hooks it has actually cost 20 to 22 cents a pound instead of the original value of 18 cents a pound on the farm.

### What Happens Then

The meat then goes to the coolers, after which it is taken out and cut up and manufactured into the various products: head cheese, jowls, picnic hams, pickled pigs' feet, lard, bacon and hams. Some of the cuts, like ribs and loin, are returned to the freezers and later distributed again to be sold by local butchers. All this costs money, and adds probably another five cents to the price.

But the meat is still in the packers' storage. It must now be taken out and distributed to local storage plants all over the country. From these it is again taken, placed in iced refrigerator cars, called "peddler cars," and "peddled" to the local butchers in the cities and small towns. How much do you suppose these extra items, such as ice, freight and handling over two or three times, adds to the price?

Let us guess two or three cents more. But the local butcher must also buy ice for his shop. He must have pay for his time and interest on his money invested, which adds at least five cents more to the price. Now let us see how the price has gone up without anyone getting a cent that did not rightfully belong to him:

Value of pork on farm where grown, 18 cents a pound.  
Value of pork on hooks in packing house, 22 to 23 cents a pound.  
Value of pork in local warehouses, 25 cents a pound.  
Value of pork on butcher's block, 30 cents a pound.

Thus it will be seen that by the time the pork

gets back to the farmer its price has nearly doubled, yet no one has "profiteered."

### Why Prices Vary

Some one asks, "What about 40-cent ham or 50-cent bacon?" Why should these cuts cost so much? Because if the butcher fixed the uniform price of 30 cents upon all pork products, everybody would want the hams and bacon and there would be no market for the other cuts, like jowls, feet, belly, liver, sausage and lard. Hence the price on the best cuts are made higher than the average and the poorer pieces are always actually sold for less than half the average cost of the whole carcass.

But this argument is made only to show the farmer that he himself is to blame if he complains about the high price of meat because he can save all these "extra" costs if he will grow and cure his own meat.

### Home-made Pork Products

Here are a few choice pork products easily made on the farm: Head cheese, smoked jowl, sugar-cured, pure pork sausage, smoked liver sausage, sugar-cured picnic hams, choice sugar-cured bacon, and, best of all, home-cured hams smoked with cobs or hickory wood. Any of the above smoked products are easily kept in warm weather, and sweet salted pork will keep throughout the year if properly cared for.

How much profit is there in pigs grown especially for providing the family with its year's meat supply? The necessary facts are all given here. Figure it out for yourself.

### While Waiting for the Garden to Grow

Very early in the spring before the garden is ready to use, far away from a city market, we can take advantage of many of the so-called weeds which really are splendid edible plants and are delicious for soups, salads and garnish.

Sorrel adds a splendid flavor to soups, or, boiled in salted water, they can be eaten like any greens. "Lamb-quarter" makes a delicious addition to the family dinner, and what is better than a big dish of dandelions and pork? Curly dock, pigweed, milkweed, plantain—"fiddle head," and, last but not least and best of all, mustard.

Any boy or girl will love an excursion to some spring or creek to bring back the delicious water-cress, which makes an appetizing salad that relieves the monotony of the farm dinner.

Skirmish around and see what can be gotten with a little labor. Don't neglect to take advantage of the despised "weed" if it adds a big dish of greens to the family dinner.

### How Much Grass Seed to Sow

Spring seeding time is again upon us. The question often arises, what kind of grass seed to sow, how much to buy, or how much to sow per acre. Recently, so many of our readers have sent in inquiries on these matters that we are giving a complete table of the various common grass seeds ordinarily grown together, with the weight per bushel and the number of pounds per acre as recommended by our leading seed men:

Seed.	Pounds to the Bushel.	Sow Per Acre.
Alfalfa,	60	12 to 20 pounds
Red Clover,	60	8 10
Alsike Clover,	60	8 8
Sweet Clover,	60	15 20
Crimson Clover,	60	5 12
Red Top Grass,	14	15 20
Orchard Grass,	14	15 20
Blue Grass,	14	20 40
Sudan Grass,	45	20 25
Timothy,	45	12 15
German Millet,	50	25 30
Hungarian Grass,	48	25 30
Common Millet,	45	25 30

### Don't Forget the Flowers

When planning the vegetable garden, don't forget to save some space for flowers. Flowers planted in the garden are easily tended and have a better chance for growth than those that are scattered here and there around the yard. Have the shrubbery and perennials for the yard but put annuals in the garden where they can be cultivated with the vegetables.

### Choose Many Kinds

Have a good generous selection so there will be blossoms all the season long till frost comes. There are many very hardy varieties that will blossom very late and are able to withstand the cold.

Be sure to have a lot of the old-time favorites like cosmos, verbenas, asters, poppies, petunias, sweet peas, zinnias, begonias, marigold, corn flowers, nasturtiums, and as many others as you have room for.

### Try Some New Flowers

Then try out some of the novelties and specialties. Many of the seed houses have improved varieties that will surprise you. Last year my neighbor had a giant zinnia that was a wonder—some of the blossoms were six inches across and of the most beautiful shades. Then she had an improved canterbury bell, cup and saucer, single and triple. Hardly a day passed when these flowers were in bloom that someone did not stop, admire them and ask where she bought her plants. As a matter of fact, she hardly ever buys flower plants but each year tries out, in addition to her regular flowers, some specialty

or novelty that is not only interesting but generally a most splendid success which greatly adds to the beauty of her flower garden.

### Have All You Want and More

Don't stint on the flowers, they will pay you back in pleasure and added attractiveness of your farm home more than the effort it takes to raise them.

No matter how old a house—just put in the right setting of flowers and shrubs and it becomes a beautiful place, not only to the owner but to every passerby, who cannot help but admire it if surrounded by climbing plants, shrubs and bloom.

### Summer-made Manure

Getting out the winter-made manure in spring, work which should never, if at all possible, be left to that time, is such a herculean job that most men give the summer-produced manure not a single thought. They are so very busy from early spring until after harvest, tending and cutting the grain and forage crops, that they are glad if they can find time to merely dump the new lots of manure into the yard and close to the stable where it is made every day. Of course, most of the manure made in summer comes from the horses, for the cows are on grass, but horse manure is well worth saving and it spoils more quickly than does manure from cows and hogs. It "fireflogs" or heats and practically burns unless kept shaded, compact and moist. For that reason, summer-made manure should be kept under cover until it can be hauled out and if it can be wetted down now and then so much the better. If that cannot be done, it should be well covered with straw or heaped and covered with earth. It takes time to give such attention, but those who care for every bit of manure made on the farm concede that the work pays well in the long run. Another reason for caring for the manure under cover and away from the stable where it is made is that it keeps flies from breeding in the piles and tormenting stock inside of the stable and out.

One place for the summer-made manure is on green cropping patches which are plowed under now and then during summer, and such plots now are found on every well-managed stock farm. If there is no such use for the manure, then it should go onto the hay meadows and stubbles as soon as their crops are cut; or it may go onto the old, bare-bitten permanent pasture when stock is taken off such places and put on meadows and stubbles that are to be fall plowed. We must say, however, that the meadows and stubbles usually need manure most when they are to be plowed, and can be more readily top-dressed when the land is firm than when soft and wet in spring, or after autumn rains have made plowing possible. The green crops, for sowing or grazing, also will do better if top-dressed with well-made or rotted manure and should also have some artificial fertilizer.

Through the columns of this department subscribers may have free advice from the eminent specialists and experts of our Agricultural Staff on questions relating to farming, live stock and dairying.

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### Questions and Answers

**SOWING SUDAN GRASS.**—How many pounds of Sudan grass seed should be sown to the acre? How many pounds of the seed in the bushel? When should it be sown and how should the drill be set to sow it?

Mrs. H. P. Stella, Mo.  
A.—Sudan grass is usually sown at the rate of 20 to 25 pounds to the acre. It weighs 45 pounds per bushel and is sown in exactly the same way as other grass seed, on a well-prepared seedbed after ground is well warmed up—late in May.

**GRASS SEED WEIGHTS.**—Please tell me the weight per bushel of re-cleaned herdsgrass seed, also weights of all other grass seeds re-cleaned.

F. T. C. R. R. No. 7, Glasgow, Ky.  
A.—We are printing a table showing pounds of all kinds of grass seed in a bushel according to legal standards established by several states. See another column.

**BUTTER WILL NOT COME.**—My cow gives rich milk and the cream is fine but it will not make butter. The cream churns to a stiff foam and the butter will not come. I feed her wheat bran and corn meal and shucks. Please tell me the cause of the trouble and what to do.

A. H. L., Tar Heel, N. C.  
A.—Foamy cream is not caused by the feed, neither is it the fault of the cow. It is due entirely to the temperature of the churn at churning time, which may be either too warm or too cold, and the same result will be obtained. In your case it is probably too warm cream. Suggest you set your cream in cold water for an hour before churning, changing the water frequently and drawing it fresh from the well each time. Better get a thermometer if handy to do so, and churn your cream as nearly as 55 degrees as possible.

### Mineral Matter and Milk

Experiments conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, with dairy cows are showing an important relation between milk secretion and certain mineral substances. Feeding compounds of phosphorus and calcium have resulted in a decidedly beneficial effect on the milk flow in both quantity and fat content.

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In fact these are trying times for publishers contending with shortage of print paper and other obstacles so great that some of the large magazines were forced to skip one or more issues during the past year.

COMFORT has been published regularly and mailed at the usual time every month, except that a part of the March issue was five days late, and part of the April issue three days late in mailing, due to belated shipments of paper.

But these two slight irregularities are not the cause of our subscribers' complaints which have come to us at all seasons of the year and in especially large numbers the past winter claiming long delay in the delivery of their magazine.

These delays, with few exceptions, were caused by the slow and inefficient method by which the bulk of the magazine second-class mail is transported.

Formerly the magazines were carried in the mail cars attached to the regular mail trains, and then we had good and expeditious service.

But the Post-Office Department in recent years has been and still is transporting magazines in freight cars attached to freight trains for long hauls to certain principal points of distribution where they are rehandled and thence forwarded to destination. Besides being slow at its best this method is subject to various irregularities and delays incidental to freight transportation.

We go to press earlier to offset the normal difference in time between freight and regular mail trains but can not overcome the irregularities peculiar to this retrograde system of mail service.

We recognize and make due allowance for the fact that the exceptional severity of the past winter has been an impediment to transportation that partly excuses some of the excessive delays of the past few months and we hope that with better weather conditions COMFORT will reach our subscribers more expeditiously.



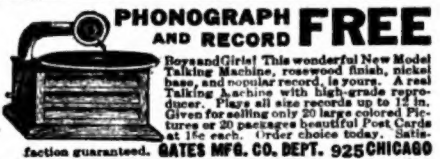
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## Comfort's League of Cousins

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I cleared myself out of debt this fall. Own 185A ranch some timber and part farm land. Verry healthy here rich land can raise anything no crop failure here whatever we eat we eat it. But how can I maintain withOut comforter and chimney star in the House. no sengall girls here tho here is to young for mee. I apply to you. There must be someone that is somewhere. I like a lady between twentyfive and forty, wedo lady not barred too children is o.k. I wish a lady with means that can help to start in a Bigar scale of farming. You may publish that is not mention name but aply to COMFORT for my address and you send it to me. Respectfully, **HENRY**

Henry, COMFORT does not run a matrimonial bureau. That job, which should be in the hands of Uncle Sam, the Red Cross or the Y. M. C. A., unfortunately is left to rascals, who always land in jail. There are too many lonesome men in the West and too many husbandless girls in the East. Until Uncle Sam turns Cupid and gives the homesteader a chance to get wives and the homeless chickens a chance to meet their ideal roosters and settle down in a coop of their own, there will be anguish and heartburnings, yearnings and remorse and the vice market will thrive. In November COMFORT I published a letter written by a young lady in Fort Scott, Ark., a very admirable young lady, I believe, who wanted a husband. That letter has brought me a deluge of mail from hundreds of men who like myself want a "chimney star." Sorry, boys, but we are not in the chimney star business. A gentleman who had a letter in COMFORT recently and who like myself, was born about the time Pocahontas was vamping John Smith, received a wagon load of mail from ladies, who, though they were not anxious to be his chimney star, were very anxious to have him for a chimney prop. As he has a keen sense of humor, he called on one of these ladies who lived in his vicinity. As a precautionary measure he had two friends wait outside to see that no harm came to him. He had to wait about an hour before the lady appeared, but as he used to be a professional waiter, he did not mind that, and as he is a widower and accustomed to the peculiarities of the gentler sex, he still hung grimly onto his chair, for he was not taking any chances with the sofa. He could hear the powder puff being worked overtime in the adjoining room and also sundry groans as a forty-six inch waist was being squeezed to sylph-like proportions. Then finally the lady appeared. Only for a second did their eyes meet, then she gave a yell and fell in a fit, while he dived through the window. Henry, that is just what would happen if I were to indulge in the business of providing chimney stars, you would get a star all right, but you would have no chimney. You say you are a Sengall man. The nearest approach to Sengall, as far as I know, is to be found in the French West African empire of Senegal. These black gentlemen did valiant service in the war, but they were not so lucky as you, Henry, as most of them got married by gun, bayonet or gas. However, you will probably experience all these calamities with a few additional ones thrown in for good measure, if you ever have the sublime happiness of acquiring a correspondence chimney star, who will be as busy looking for your money as you are for hers. It seems to me you can raise all kinds of crops except a crop of chimney stars and without that crop all others are worthless. I note, Henry, you are willing to take to your heart a "wedo," otherwise a widow with a ready-made family, which is indeed generous and kind of you. But I also notice that, like most of your kind, the chimney stars you are looking for must have bank accounts. I thought, Henry, you were a regular guy, an honest-to-God man looking for a helpmeet, a life partner, to whom you could give your heart and lifelong devotion, but, alas, you fail to measure up to these standards and you disclaim love and chimney stars unless they can come across with the long green and the fat wads. Love that must, before it is acceptable, be gilded with filthy lucre, is a delusion and a snare, and I don't wonder, if monied matrimony is your object, that you are still a Sengall man, and until you are ready to mate on a basis of true love, respect and affection, I hope you will remain one. Do not worry, Henry, neither your name or address will be given to any aspiring chimney star. Aspirants for that honor prefer to put their money in a bank and not a chimney.

## League Shut-in and Mercy Work for May

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Va. Sick and needy. Unable to work. Send her some of the sympathy that buys bread. Mrs. America Reynolds, Price, R. R. 1, Box 4, N. C. Invalid. Send her a dime shower. Mrs. Minnie Mallet, Tomahawk, Ky. Sick, poor and needy. Remember her. Mrs. Bettie Deal, Shuff, Va. Widow, aged, sick and poor. Well recommended. Would be grateful for second-hand clothing and any financial help you can send her. Mrs. Laura Yow, Stanfield, N. C. Invalid. Widow. Unable to work. Has two little girls too young to be of assistance. They need money for food and clothing. Mrs. Wm. Butts, Mayville, R. R. 26, N. Y. Would appreciate a postcard and letter shower. Shut-in for 22 years. Almost blind. Mabel Harris, Jasonville, R. R. 3, Box 126, Ind. Crippled for fourteen years. Would appreciate a letter shower. No financial aid wanted.

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Mr. George Rolph, Blackfoot, Box 362, Idaho, wishes to hear from his daughters, Alviny and Amanda, last heard of in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. T. W. Kinchen, Medford, Oregon, wants information of Mrs. G. W. Wilson and family, who left Medford, May, 1919, with the intention of traveling.

Mrs. Nannie French, Prentiss, Ky., wishes to hear from Lester D. French and family. Mrs. Lester French was formerly Miss Marie Hart of New York. These relatives were last heard from in Boston, Mass., in 1917.

A. C. Reid, Canon City, 430 W. N. Y. Ave., Colo., would like to know the whereabouts of Irley Reid, age 15, light hair and blue eyes. Any one knowing this will confer a great favor by writing at once to A. C. Reid.

Hattie Turner, McAllister, R. R. 3, Box 64, Okla., would like to find her sister-in-law, Alice Medford, nee Alice Turner, last heard from at Lake Granada, Ill.

Mrs. Myrtle Gunzel, Shawneetown, R. D. 1, Ill., would like to hear from her sister, Mrs. Mary, sometimes known as Mrs. Mollie Jackson, and son, John Jackson, who was with her when last heard from seven years ago.

Mrs. B. Ruthford, De Leon Springs, Fla., would like to hear from the relatives of her husband, Ben A. Ruthford-Hatfield living in the North.

Emerson E. Jerome, Bay City, R. R. 3, Mich., would like to know the present address of Daniel Wilson, who formerly lived at 23rd St., Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Katie Shepherd, Meacham, Oregon, would like to know the whereabouts of her two brothers, Frank J. Smith, age 54, and Lucian W. Smith, age 40. Frank Smith left Baker Co., Oregon, 15 years ago to work in Unatilla Co., Oregon.

Corra E. Beach, Cambridge Springs, Pa., would like the address of Jesse M. Cain, last heard from at Dnaba, Calif., in March, 1915.

Will any reader knowing the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Roberts, last heard of three years ago in Washington, kindly notify Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Vale, Oregon.

Information wanted of my sister, Florence M. Harrington, last heard of in Boston, Mass., in 1912. Mrs. Grace Duckworth, Live Oak, Fla.

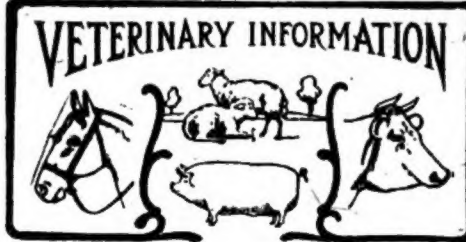
Curtis Phillips, Cumming, R. R. 7, Ga., would like any information of his brother, George Phillips. When last heard from was in Rockwall, Texas, 16 years ago.

Mrs. Enoch Eby, Matthews, R. R. 1, Mo., would like any information about her sister, Mrs. Harvey Newcomb, and children, Alfred Orval age 9, and Oleta Jewell, age 3 years last August. When last heard from, the family was in Sterling, Kans., in June, 1919, and Mr. Newcomb was employed as a wheat thresher. Any information about Mrs. Newcomb and the children would be gratefully received.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts or any information of Simpson Phillips and family, last heard from in Indiana, kindly write to Mrs. D. C. Phillips, Tyrone, Pa.

Elbert Crabbe, Sheridan, R. R. 1, Ark., would like information of his sister, Nina Crabbe, who was in Argentina, Ark., with an uncle when heard from last.

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## Comfort for Stock in Summer

THE merciful man will try to make the hot days and nights of summer as comfortable as possible for his animals. It is the height of cruelty to keep a mare and foal on short dry pasture without shade. Flies torture and the

mare cannot be expected to give sufficient milk, nor can the foal develop properly. So much the worse if drinking water is inadequate, and that often is the case in such pastures. Let the mare have a clean shed to run to for shelter and allow free access to drinking water. Also feed extra hay, or green stuff and grain, if the pasture is short. It also is poor policy to let the young foal run with its dam when she is working in the field or hauling a load to town. The foal is a nuisance at such times, drinks milk from the heated mare and may lose hair as a result of the indigestion so caused. If the work mare has a foal, stable the latter and bring the mare to it now and then for nursing. When the mare comes in hot at noon milk her nearly dry and let her cool off while eating a pound or so of hay before allowing the foal to nurse. Keep the horse stable clean, darkened and screened against flies and also keep the manure away from the doors and windows that flies may not breed there. The worst kind of stinging fly attacks horses in a light, unscreened stable just when they should be resting. To protect against flies when at work, not only put on fly nets or light sheets, but also spray the exposed parts of the body with a reliable fly repellent. Often we have seen netted or sheeted horses come in from work in the summer season with blood streaming from the thin skin of the groin and inner surface of the hind legs. When fly bites cause swellings, bathe them with vinegar and water. If a big bunch forms, paint it with tincture of iodine. Baking soda in soft water also relieves soreness from bites; so does washing blue in water and it is good for bee stings. It does not pay to allow young, growing calves to run on an exposed pasture or even on the front lawn or in the orchard where flies torment or where shade and water happen to be absent. Far better keep the calves in a clean, airy pen in the stable and supply plenty of good feed and an abundance of pure drinking water. In the pen calves cannot contract lung worms and also will put on more flesh and grow than if allowed to graze. Sows and their pigs, on the contrary, should have a succession of new, green pasture lots to graze from early spring until autumn. But shade should be provided and plenty of water. Keep the pigs off old, contaminated pastures and away from surface drinking water and all dirty places and wallows. Then they will not become infested with worms. Lambs, too, should have new grass in spring, if they are to be kept free from worms and therefore comfortable. Pasture the work horses at night in hot weather. Groom them well every day. Provide them with pure drinking water often when at work in the fields and protect their heads from the sun. White sheets on the body also add to comfort.

INDIGESTION.—I have a cow five years old that has spells of gnawing after freshening. When her calf is a week or ten days old she will gnaw on the corners of the barn or anything with which she comes in contact, and she cannot swallow. She appears to be blind, but does not fall down. **F. W. W.**

A.—At times of derangement of the digestive organs give a pound dose of Glauber salts dissolved in three pints of warm water and add a cupful of blackstrap molasses. Give it slowly and carefully from a long-necked bottle. Feed more carefully, keep the bowels active and have the cow take out-door exercise every day.

DISEASE UNEXPLAINED.—I have a colt that has something the matter with her hind legs. She is two and one half years old. **Mrs. F. C.**

A.—If you care to send us a description of the symptoms of the case we will be glad to give advice but you do not tell us enough to make a diagnosis possible.

SWEENEY.—I have a six-year-old horse that has the "sweeney." Please tell me what I should do for it. **T. S.**

A.—We cannot prescribe intelligently unless you give us a description of the condition present. For chronic sweeney (wasting of the muscles of the shoulder) the best treatment is to inject a little tincture of iodine under the skin here and there over the wasted surface, by means of a hypodermic syringe. Then lightly rub with the palm of the hand to distribute the tincture. It may be necessary to repeat the treatment several times and it would be best to have it given by a qualified veterinarian.

MILKLESSNESS.—I have a full-blooded Jersey cow six years old. She freshened the first of the year and gives very little milk. She had garget before I dried her off. It has not bothered her since the calf came. I feed her sweet feed and alfalfa hay. She looks fine. **Mrs. A. E. K.**

A.—The attack of garget referred to accounts for the lack of milk flow and it is quite unlikely that the yield will greatly increase before she goes on grass. If she is getting green feed now but does not improve in milk yield it is unlikely that she will do so later and she should not be bred again. If you care to do so, it might be well to add bran, oilmeal, cottonseed meal and hominy or gluten meal to her ration, but we scarcely think it will pay.

WARTS.—I have a good milk cow that has small warts all over her udder. Will you tell me how to remove them without injuring the cow. **Mrs. H. C.**

A.—The usual treatment is to rub in best castor oil or olive oil twice daily, but many dairymen report that they get better results from saturating the affected parts two or three times daily with water containing all the bicarbonate of soda (baking powder) it will dissolve when hot. Warts that have narrow necks may be snipped off with scissors, a few at a time, then apply pine tar the following day.

BULLDOSE.—I have a small pig about seven weeks old that has something wrong with its head. It is between its eye and nose. It is swollen and blue in color and discharges all the time. Can you tell me the trouble? **Mrs. G. W. S.**

A.—The pig evidently is afflicted with necrotic rhinitis, commonly called bulldoze or snuffles. It is an incurable, contagious disease and necessitates destruction and burning of affected pigs; then the houses, pens and yards should be put in a sanitary condition under directions of a veterinarian or, better still, new pigs should be given new quarters on new, clean land.

RINGWORM.—Can you tell me what is the matter with my calves? They have a good appetite but are very thin and are stiff in their hind legs, having scaly looking sores on them. The hair is slipping off and they stand and rub or lick themselves nearly all the time. **F. F.**

A.—Stanchion or tie the calves so that they will be unable to lick themselves. Scrub affected spots clean and free from scabs or crusts and then saturate them once a week with a solution of one pound of sulphate of copper (bluestone) in half a gallon of hot water. Isolate affected calves. Cleanse, disinfect and whitewash the stable and all rubbing places. The disease is due to a vegetable parasite and is contagious.

MAMMITIS.—Please tell me what is wrong with my cow. She is three years old and with calf. One of her front teats is hard to milk and she does not give over three tablespoonfuls of milk at a milking. Sometimes it is like thick, yellow cream. **Mrs. E. S.**

A.—The quarter mentioned has been attacked by mammitis (garget or caked bag), due to infection by pus germs, and the quarter is permanently ruined for normal milk production. You should attempt to dry off the milk secretion in the affected quarter. Rub in warm camphorated oil and fluid extract of belladonna, equal quantities, two or three times daily, and strip at lengthening intervals until milk ceases to secrete. Unless the cow is a fine milker from her sound quarters, she should not be retained for dairying.

INDIGESTION.—I have a mule seven years old that weighs 1,000 pounds. She seems to be in good health, but her gums swell up so she can hardly eat corn, and she wants to eat dirt. What causes it and what can I do to prevent it? **J. O. T.**

A.—"Lampas" is the term applied to the swollen condition of the palate of the roof of the mouth which makes part of it swell beyond the level of the upper incisor teeth. Rub the swelling two or three times daily with a block of alum. Have the teeth put in order by a veterinarian, as sharp points and irregularities cause the irritation of the gums and palate. Give the mule the worm powders often prescribed here and allow access to rock salt.

WOLF IN TAIL.—Will you tell me how to cure a wolf in a cow's tail? **Mrs. D. O.**

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A woman who labored under the delusion that men were always on the lookout to speak to unaccompanied females was rather nervous walking along a city street one evening. Two men were just behind her, laughing and chatting in a very queer fashion, she thought.

"May I join you?" she asked of two women walking in front of her.

"Certainly," they replied. The three walked along. Still the two men followed. They were still laughing and making comments which though inaudible

the woman felt were directed toward her.

"Thank you for letting me go along with you," she said to her two companions as she left them at a subway entrance. "As a matter of fact those two men walking back of us made me very nervous. I think they have been trying to speak to me."

"The women glanced back. 'O, indeed!' replied one, laughing, 'those men are our husbands!'"—Mary Bonner, in Judge.

## Polite Polly

A woman was calling at a friend's house. She knocked at the front door, and a voice said:

"Come in."

The woman tried the door, then called: "It's locked."

"Come in," repeated the voice. "But it's locked!"

"Come in just the same," said the voice. "It's locked, I can't!"

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## Five Wheel Chairs in April

554 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The five April wheel chairs go to Mrs. Keziah Scruggs, McAdams, Miss., 109; John Herman Adams, 703 Grove St., Danville, Va., 105; Elmer Dahlgren, Sect. 34, Munger, Minn., 100; George Edward Sullivan, Shep. Texas, 99; Edna Mabry, Graft, Colo., 96.

Mrs. Keziah Scruggs, age 76, widow the past 30 years and has outlived all her family. Suffers from stomach trouble and rheumatism which has so crippled her that she has not walked since four years past. The COMFORT wheel chair will be a solace in her declining years.

John Herman Adams, age 27, is afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism and has not been able to walk since three years ago. He has no earning capacity and is dependent on his parents for support. He is married and has one child.

Elmer Dahlgren, age 27, has never walked. His legs became paralyzed in infancy and at the age of eighteen had to be amputated at the knees because of blood poisoning resulting from obstructed circulation. He is dependent on his mother for care and support. He writes me that the expected wheel chair will be an "incalculable mercy" to him.

George Edward Sullivan, age 14, has been a helpless cripple since infancy as the result of infantile paralysis which not only deprived him of the use of his legs but of the power of speech also. The wheel chair will be a joy to him and a great help to his mother in caring for him.

Edna Mabry, age six, has suffered from total paralysis of her left side since early infancy. Her father is dead, her mother has married again and the stepfather gives the little crippled girl, her older sister and her mother a good home.

Give the Wheel-Chair Club a boost this month and help get some more of our crippled shut-ins out into the bright spring sunshine and air.

The following letters of thanks and Roll of Honor are interesting.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT,  
Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours.

Very Much Pleased with COMFORT Wheel Chair

Jerome, N. C.

Dear Mr. Gannett:  
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Sarah Jane McDuffie.

COMFORT Wheel Chair a Great Help in Caring for Invalid Mother

Water Valley, Miss.

Dear Mr. Gannett:  
I wish to thank you and all the other good friends that helped to obtain the wheel chair for my mother (Mrs. Catherine Anne Aven), and especially Mrs. Annie Trusty, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Emily King who worked so diligently to get it for us. This chair is indeed a comfort to my invalid mother and a great help to me in caring for her. I hope many more invalids will avail themselves of COMFORT'S help to obtain wheel chairs. Truly yours,  
Mrs. D. W. Murphree.

## COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions, or a dollar or more in money, to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

Subscriptions.—Miss Rosalie Koelsch, Okla., for Gladys Junk, 57; The Fourth Grade of the Belle Fourche City Schools, S. Dak., for Annie Laura Lewis, 38; Mrs. Alice McCrory, Miss., for Mrs. Keziah Scruggs, 37; Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Texas, for George Sullivan, 34; Mrs. Rolland B. Dorris, Tenn., for Dewey B. Adams, 34; Mrs. Hiram Knox, Texas, for Ray White, 32; Mrs. R. A. Henderson, Va., for J. H. Adams, 32; J. E. Stewart, Missouri, for Harold Stewart, 22; Lydia Lund, Mont., for Elmer Dahlgren, 30; Mrs. B. M. White, Texas, for Ray White, 27; Mrs. Henry Johnson, Ky., for Elizabeth Beatrice Johnson, 23; Mrs. Callie Mitchell, Miss., for Mrs. Sarah Priscock, 22; Mrs. J. S. Krohe, Pa., for Abbie Kiger, 20; Miss Beatrice Callis, Tenn., for Dewey B. Adams, 20; Nanie E. Creagle, Texas, for own, 16; Miss Effie Sullivan, Texas, for George Sullivan, 12; Mrs. Tom Pate, Kans., for Edna Mabry, 12; Mrs. William B. Wood, Colo., for Edna Mabry, 11; Mrs. Roy Davidson, Texas, for Ray White, 8; Mrs. Sarah Greaves, Ark., for Mrs. Suda Cotman, 8; Mrs. H. R. Ridgill, Ga., for Annie Florence Ridgill, 8; The Woman's Welsh American Club, Ohio, for Thomas Williams, 7; Mr. Haywood Morris, Tenn., for Dewey B. Adams, 7; Miss Bertha Smyre, N. C., for General, 6; Mrs. J. E. Thielkel, Ky., for Ruth Embry, 6; Miss Alice Thompson, Va., for Jesse Cochran, 5.

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At this point a woman put her head out of a window next door and said: "There's no one at home. You're talking to the parrot."—Ladies' Home Journal.

## The Tale of a Quarter.

O happy day! Today I thought My purse was to the bad, And then I found a quarter that I didn't know I had.

We'll tell no tale of lesser joy, Play me no joyous play; O quarter, quarter, lovely thing! This is my lucky day!

—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Of course that was a happy day, The day you found the quarter, Because with it you found the way To do just what you order.

We'll tell no tale of lesser joy, We'll play no joyous play, Your joy we know you got, oh boy, In a Thrift Stamp that day.

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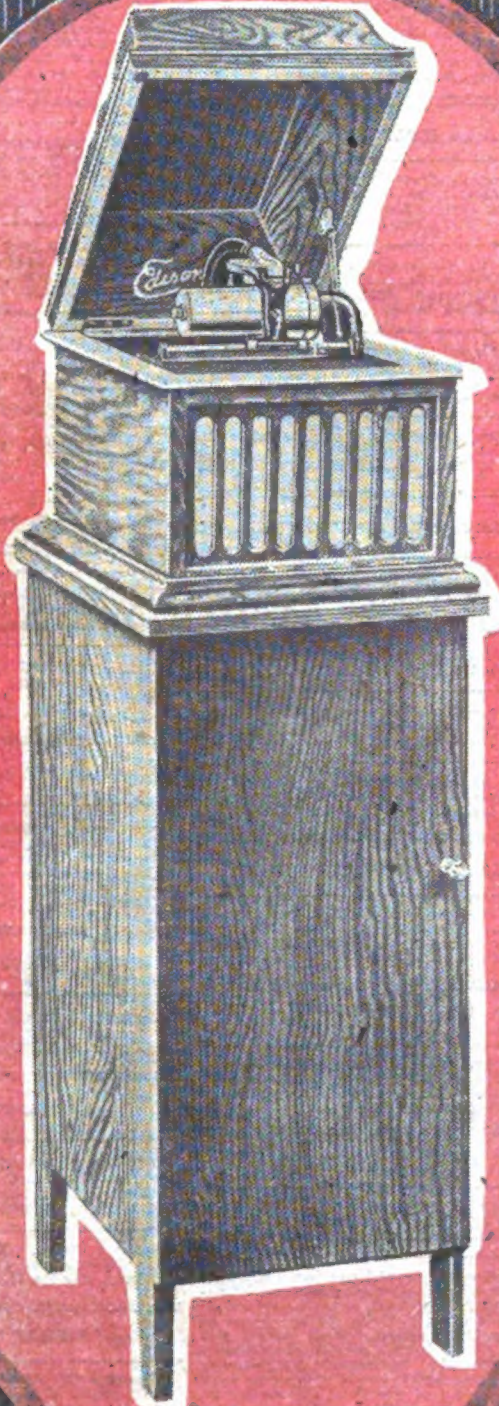
"Wanderlust says he would like to go out West and settle." "Well, I hope he settles with me before he goes."—Sray Stories.

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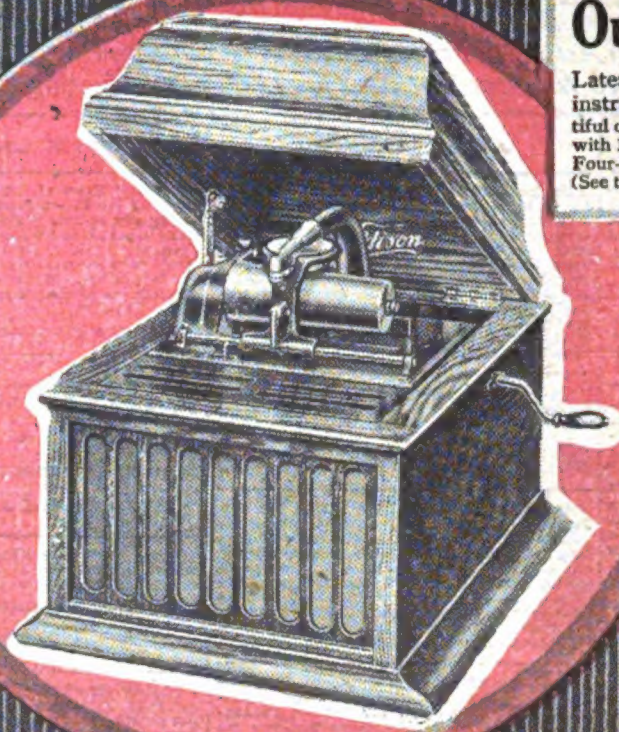
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